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LISTEN, YOU SUPER-SQUIRT!
RED KRYPTONITE SPLIT
US INTO A **YOUTH** AND AN
ADULT! BUT SINCE WE BOTH
CAN'T EXIST AT THE SAME
TIME, I'LL HAVE TO DESTROY
YOU!

DAD... MOM...
SUPERMAN
IS BULLYING
ME!

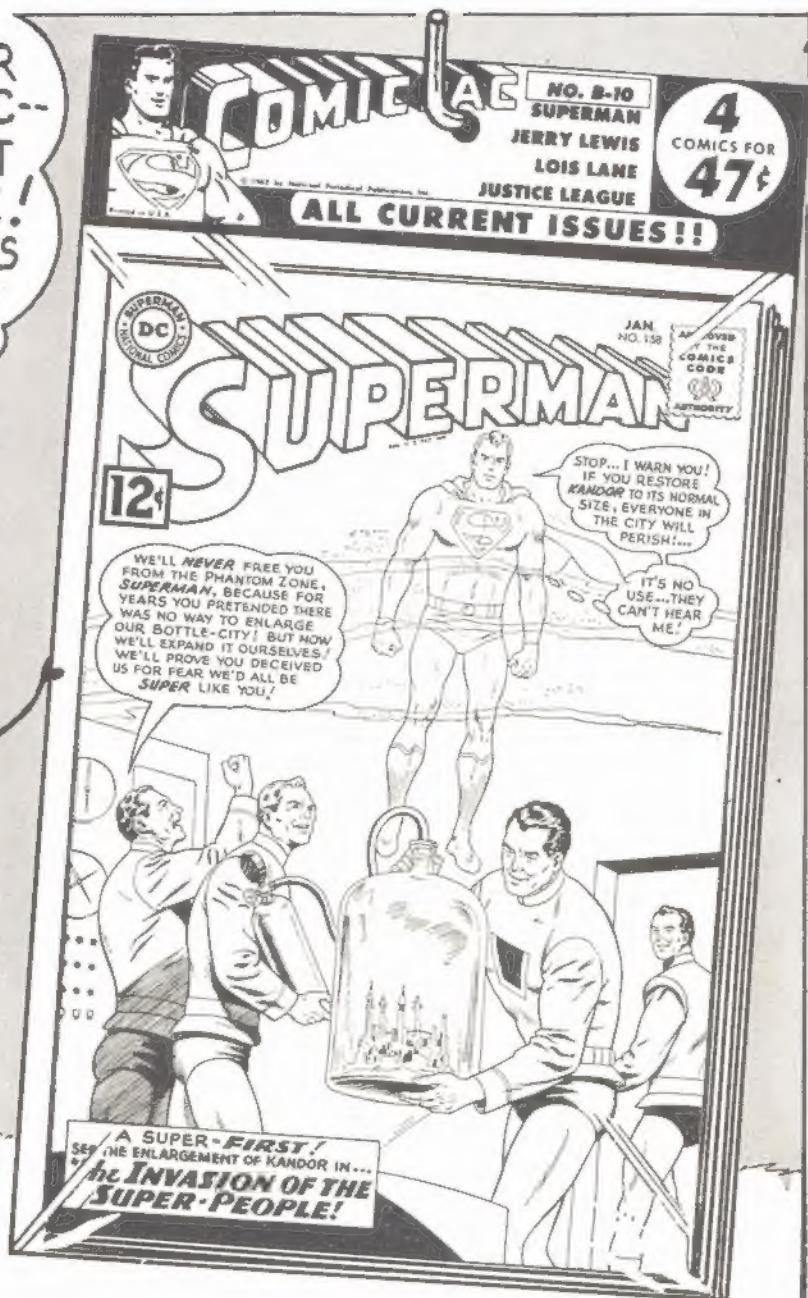
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**"The WAR BETWEEN
SUPERBOY and
SUPERMAN!"**

STOP FIGHTING,
BOYS! YOU'RE
BOTH OUR SONS!

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A cartoon illustration of a boy with a large, round head, wearing a Santa hat with a pom-pom. He has a simple, smiling face. He is holding a large, circular logo in front of his chest. The logo has a thick black border. Inside the border, the word 'SUPERMAN' is written in a bold, sans-serif font at the top. In the center of the logo is the 'DC' logo. At the bottom of the logo, the words 'NATIONAL COMICS' are written in a bold, sans-serif font. The boy is wearing dark boots with white fur trim at the top. The background is plain white.



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SUPERMAN
WHEN HE WAS A BOY

HOW CRUEL!
SUPERBOY IS
EXILING HIMSELF
FROM EARTH SO
THAT HIS ADULT
TWIN, SUPERMAN,
CAN REMAIN HERE
SAFELY!

SO LONG,
SUPERBOY!
DON'T COME
BACK!

FAREWELL,
SON!

GOODBYE, MOM!
GOODBYE, DAD!...
CHOKE!... I'VE GOT
TO LEAVE EARTH
FOREVER, BUT I...
I'LL NEVER FORGET
YOU... OR STOP
LOVING YOU...



SUPERBOY, THE MIGHTIEST LAD IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE, HAS FOUGHT MANY A TOUGH OPPONENT FROM TIME-TO-TIME, FROM SPACE BEASTS TO SUPER-SCIENTIFIC VILLAINS...! NONE HAS BEEN A MATCH FOR THE YOUTH'S AMAZING POWERS! BUT ONE DAY, HE IS PITTED AGAINST THE GREATEST Foe OF THEM ALL... HIMSELF, GROWN INTO AN ADULT! WHO WILL WIN, WHEN IT'S BOY OF STEEL AGAINST MAN OF STEEL?—STEP RIGHT UP, READERS AND MAKE YOUR CHOICE AS YOU WITNESS... *The*

WAR BETWEEN SUPERBOY and SUPERMAN!

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ONE DAY IN SMALLVILLE, AS PA KENT DRIVES THE FAMILY CAR INTO A GAS STATION AND HAS THE TANK FILLED...

I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THOSE GEARS! SHALL I CHECK THEM FOR YOU?

NOT NOW! WE HAVEN'T TIME!



SOON AFTERWARD, ON A DESERTED ROAD...

THE CAR SOUNDS WORSE!

I'D FIX IT QUICKLY FOR YOU, DAD, BUT I DON'T WANT THAT AUTO MECHANIC TO START WONDERING HOW WE COULD REPAIR THE CAR OURSELVES! HE MIGHT START SUSPECTING THINGS!

R-RRRK!



SWIFTLY CHANGING TO SUPERBOY, CLARK HIDES HIS OUTER GARMENTS AND UNBREAKABLE GLASSES INSIDE THE SECRET POUCH OF HIS CAPE...



SO LONG, FOLKS! I'VE GOT TO FLY NOW TO AN ARMY PROVING GROUNDS! I'VE OFFERED TO HELP THEM TEST A NEW TYPE OF POWERFUL ARTILLERY SHELL! SEE YOU LATER!

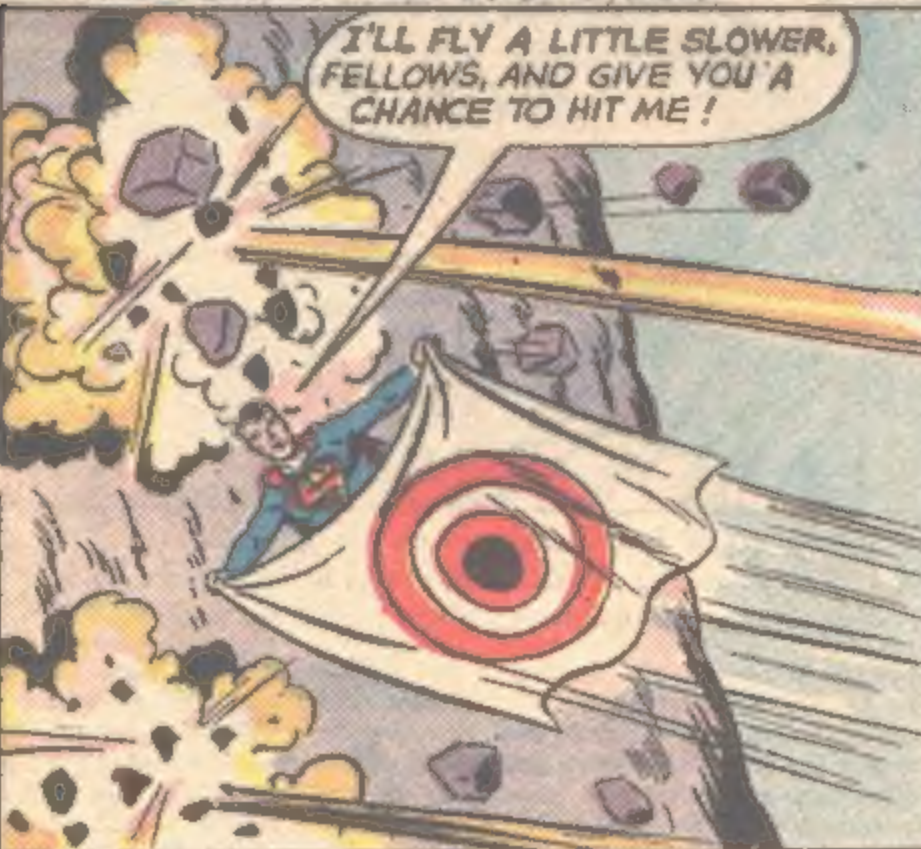
PRESENTLY...

SO GOOD OF YOU TO HELP, SUPERBOY!

STOP TALKING, AND START SHOOTING!

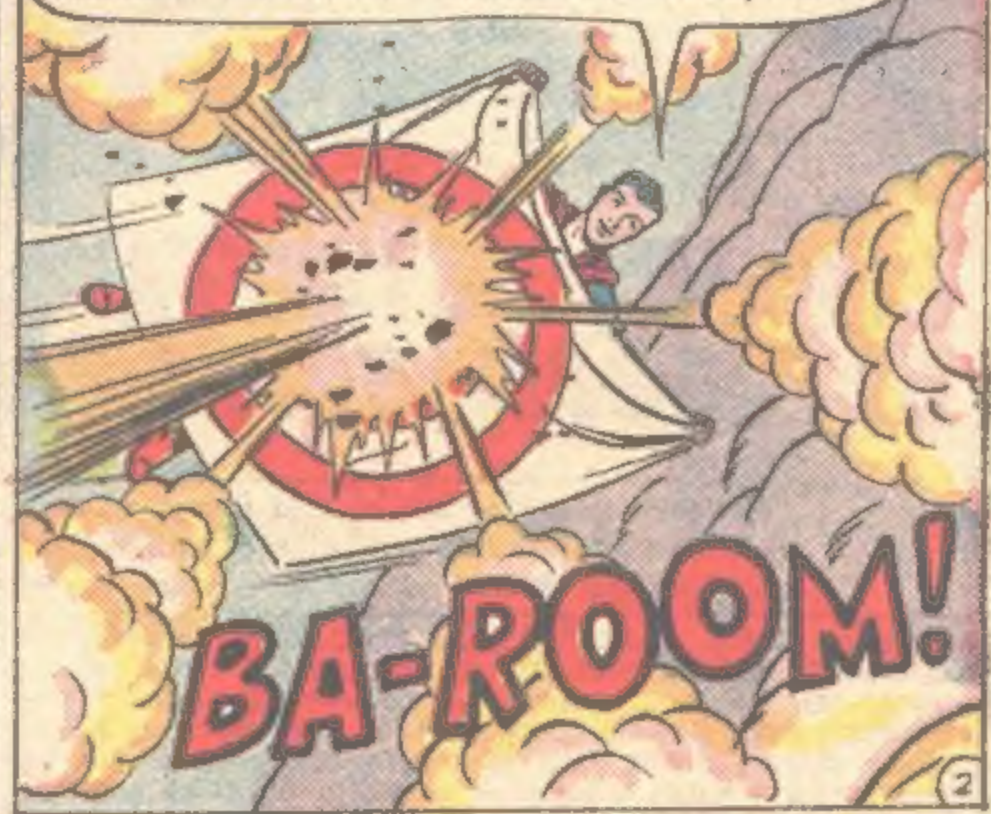


UPWARD FLASHES THE BOY OF STEEL, AND THEN...



I'LL FLY A LITTLE SLOWER, FELLOWS, AND GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO HIT ME!

BULL'S-EYE! FORTUNATELY, CANNON SHELLS MERELY TICKLE ME! GOOD SHOOTING, BOYS!

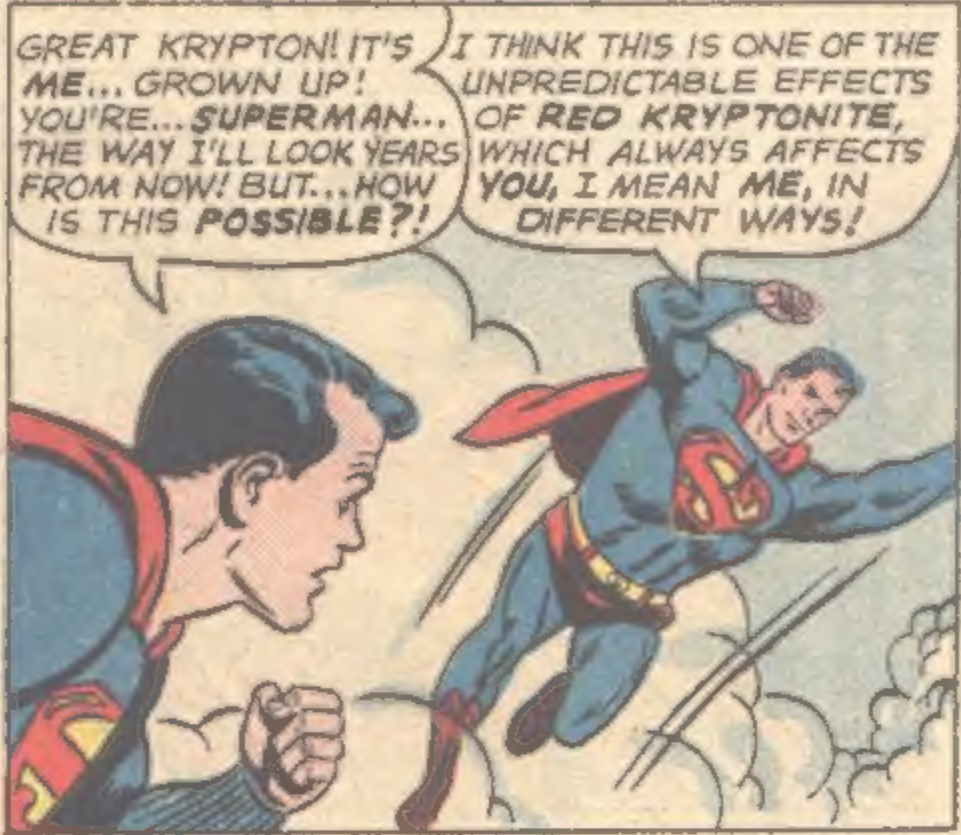


BA-ROOM!

WHEN THE TESTS END... GOODBYE, GENTLEMEN!



SOON, TO THE BOY OF STEEL'S ASTONISHMENT...



THIS RED KRYPTONITE METEOR MUST HAVE FALLEN INTO ONE OF THE MOUNTAIN'S FISSURES! LEAD ORES IN THE MOUNTAIN AT FIRST SHIELDED YOU FROM ITS RADIATIONS! BUT THEN, THE BURSTING SHELLS KNOCKED THE METEOR OUT OF THE FISSURE!



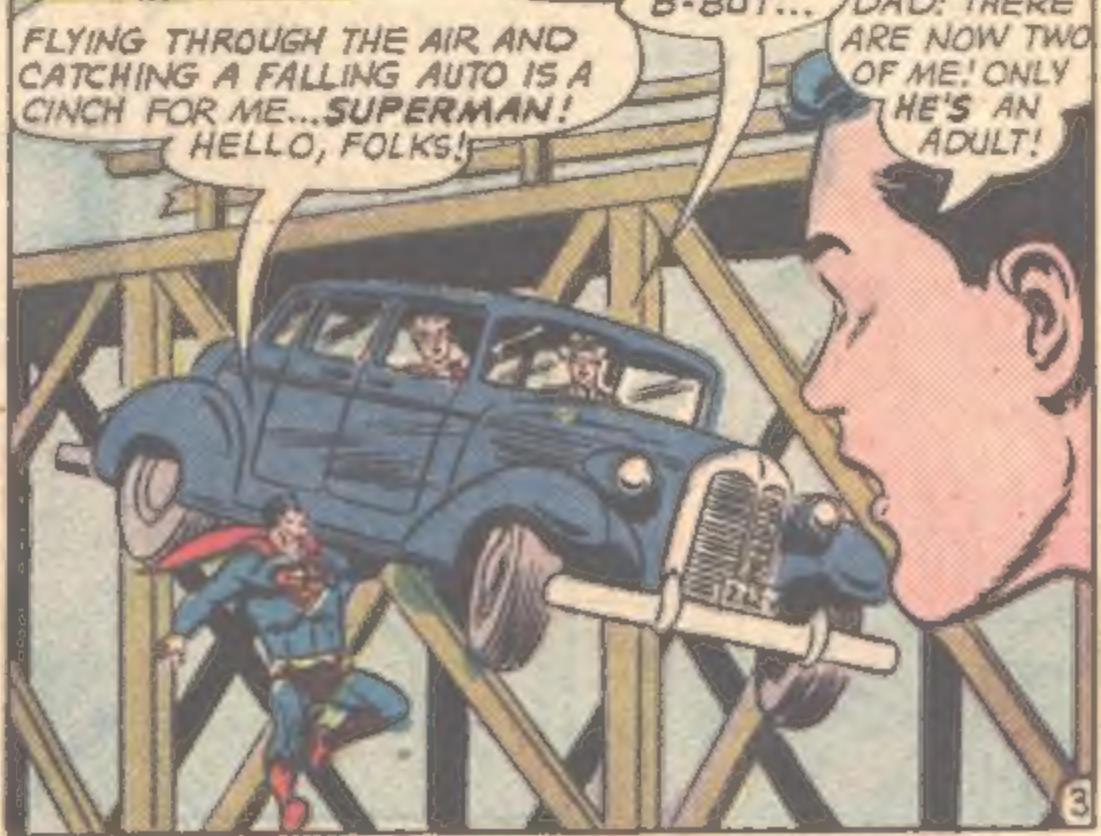
SINCE I'M YOU, I KNOW EVERYTHING YOU KNOW, AND POSSESS THE SAME SUPER-POWERS! COME ON! LET'S GO TELL OUR FOSTER-PARENTS THE GOOD NEWS THAT THEY NOW HAVE TWO SUPER-SONS!



MEANWHILE, AT A BRIDGE...



NEXT INSTANT...





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AS THE MAN OF STEEL PLACES THE CAR BACK ON THE ROAD AND EXPLAINS HOW HE MATERIALIZED...

I'LL USE THE EMERGENCY PHONE TO CALL A TOW-TRUCK! MEANWHILE, YOU TWO SPEED HOME. MAKE SURE NO ONE SEES YOU!

OKAY, DAD!



VERY SHORTLY, TWO COSTUMED FORMS FLY DOWNWARD INTO A WOODS...

THIS HIDDEN TUNNEL ENTRANCE LEADS INTO THE BASEMENT OF OUR HOUSE, RIGHT?



RIGHT! YOU DO KNOW ALL MY... I MEAN OUR... SECRETS!

LATER, AFTER MA AND PA KENT ARRIVE HOME, AND THEY DINE...

THAT WAS A GREAT MEAL, MA! WE'LL CLEAR THE TABLE SUPER-SWIFTLY!

GOOD TOSSING!

HA, HA! JUST ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY!



THAT EVENING...

LOOK AT THEM—SOUND ASLEEP... LIKE TWO BROTHERS! YET THEY'RE THE SAME PERSON!

NOW WE KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO HAVE A GROWN SON!



NEXT MORNING, AFTER BREAKFAST...

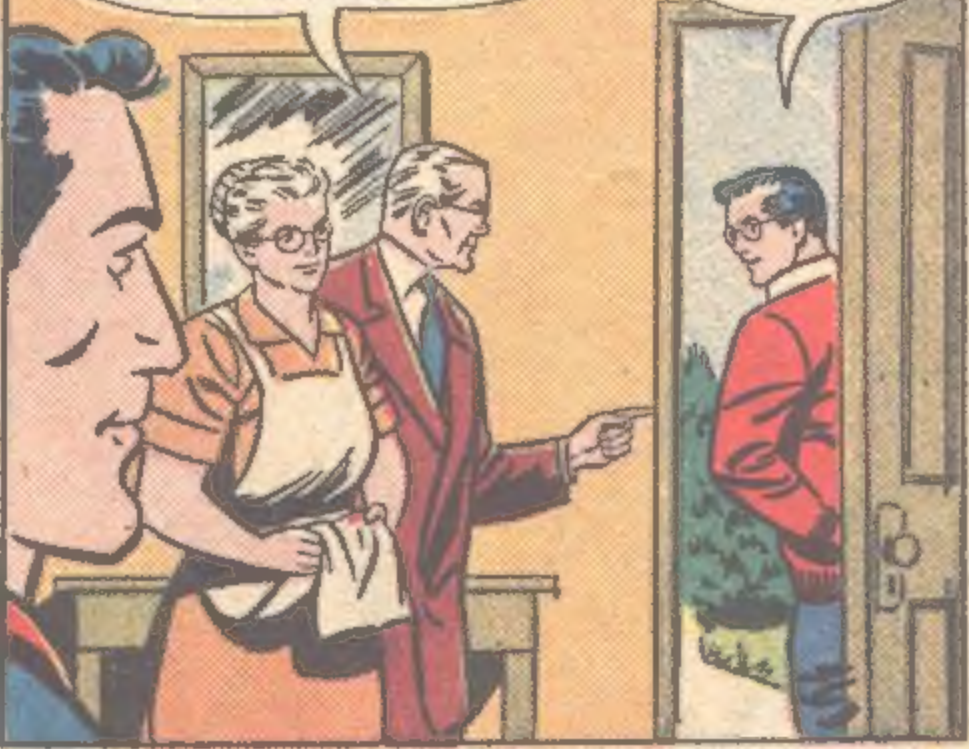
SO LONG! I'VE GOT TO GO TO SCHOOL NOW

SEE YOU LATER, CLARK! DON'T LET LANA LANG DISCOVER YOUR OTHER IDENTITY... OR YOUR NEW SECRET, HA, HA!



OH, BY THE WAY, COME RIGHT HOME AFTER SCHOOL, CLARK! TODAY'S THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR MOTHER AND I...

I SURE WILL! HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, FOLKS!



LATER THAT DAY, CLARK RETURNS HOME TO HIS BASEMENT LABORATORY, CHANGES TO HIS SUPERBOY IDENTITY, THEN GETS BUSY...

IT'S GOING TO BE FUN HAVING A BIG SUPER-BROTHER WITH WHOM TO SHARE MY ADVENTURES! WE'LL MAKE A GREAT TEAM...



SHORTLY, AS HE SUMMONS HIS OTHER SELF...

SEE THE ANNIVERSARY SURPRISE I'VE MADE FOR MOM AND DAD... YES, IT'S HERE IN THIS FLASK... BUT I'VE GOT BAD NEWS!



IT'S CONTRARY TO SCIENCE THAT YOU AND I CAN CO-EXIST AT THE SAME TIME AND SAME PLACE! WITH MY SUPER-MIND, I'VE FIGURED OUT THAT UNLESS YOU OR I LEAVE EARTH WITHIN 48 HOURS, THE ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM WILL PERISH IN A GREAT CLASH OF UNKNOWN TIME-AND-SPACE FORCES!



I HATE TO SAY THIS, BUT ONE OF US HAS GOT TO GO! THE POINT IS... WHICH ONE?

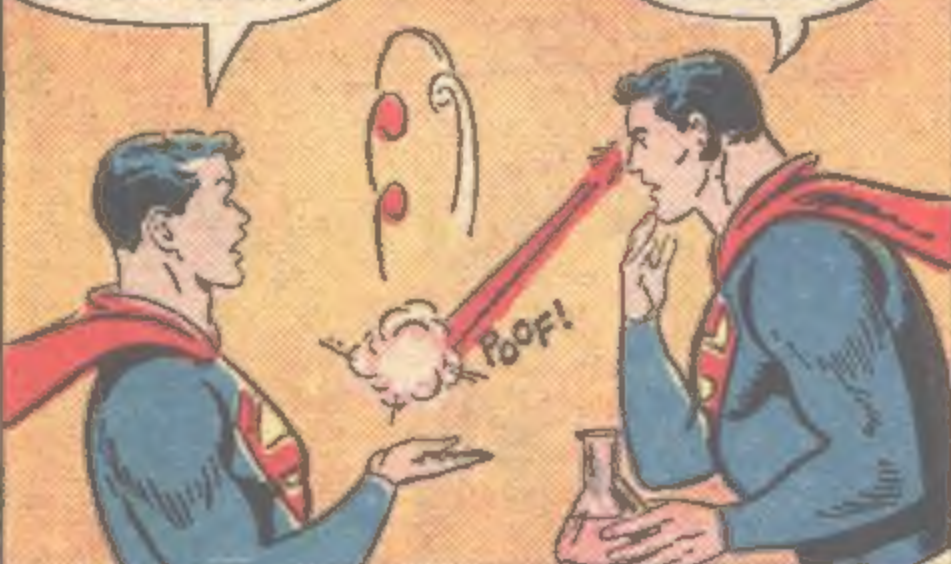
CHOKES!-LET'S BE FAIR ABOUT THIS! I'LL FLIP THIS PENNY! "HEADS", I GO... "TAILS", YOU LEAVE!



BUT AS THE COIN IS TWIRLED ALOFT, AND IS ABOUT TO ALIGHT ON SUPERBOY'S PALM...

HEY! YOU MELTED THE COIN OUT OF EXISTENCE WITH YOUR HEAT VISION! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

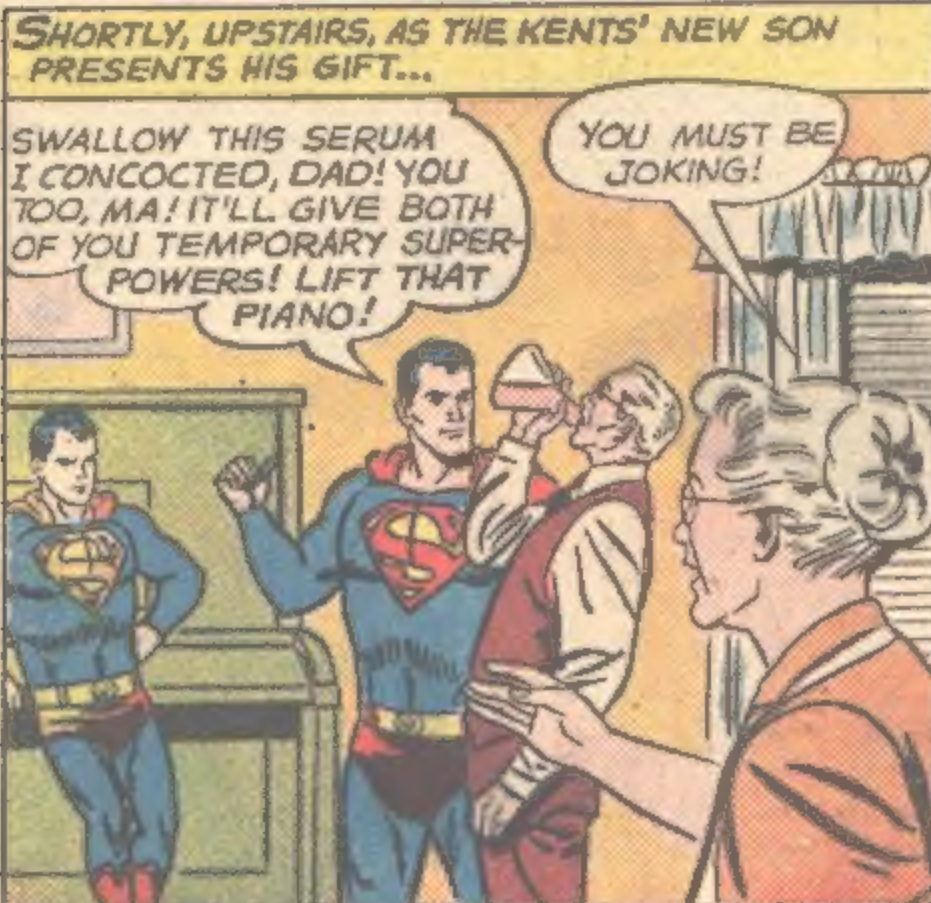
FORGIVE ME! I WAS SO ANXIOUS TO SEE THE OUTCOME, I TRIED TO PEEK WITH MY MICROSCOPIC VISION, BUT USED MY HEAT VISION ACCIDENTALLY, INSTEAD!



HOWEVER, I DID OBSERVE THAT IT LANDED WITH THE "HEADS" SURFACE UP! TOO BAD WE'LL HAVE TO BREAK IT TO OUR FOLKS, ON THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, THAT YOU'RE LEAVING EARTH FOREVER!

NOT SO FAST, SUPERMAN! WHY SHOULD I TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT THAT I LOST?





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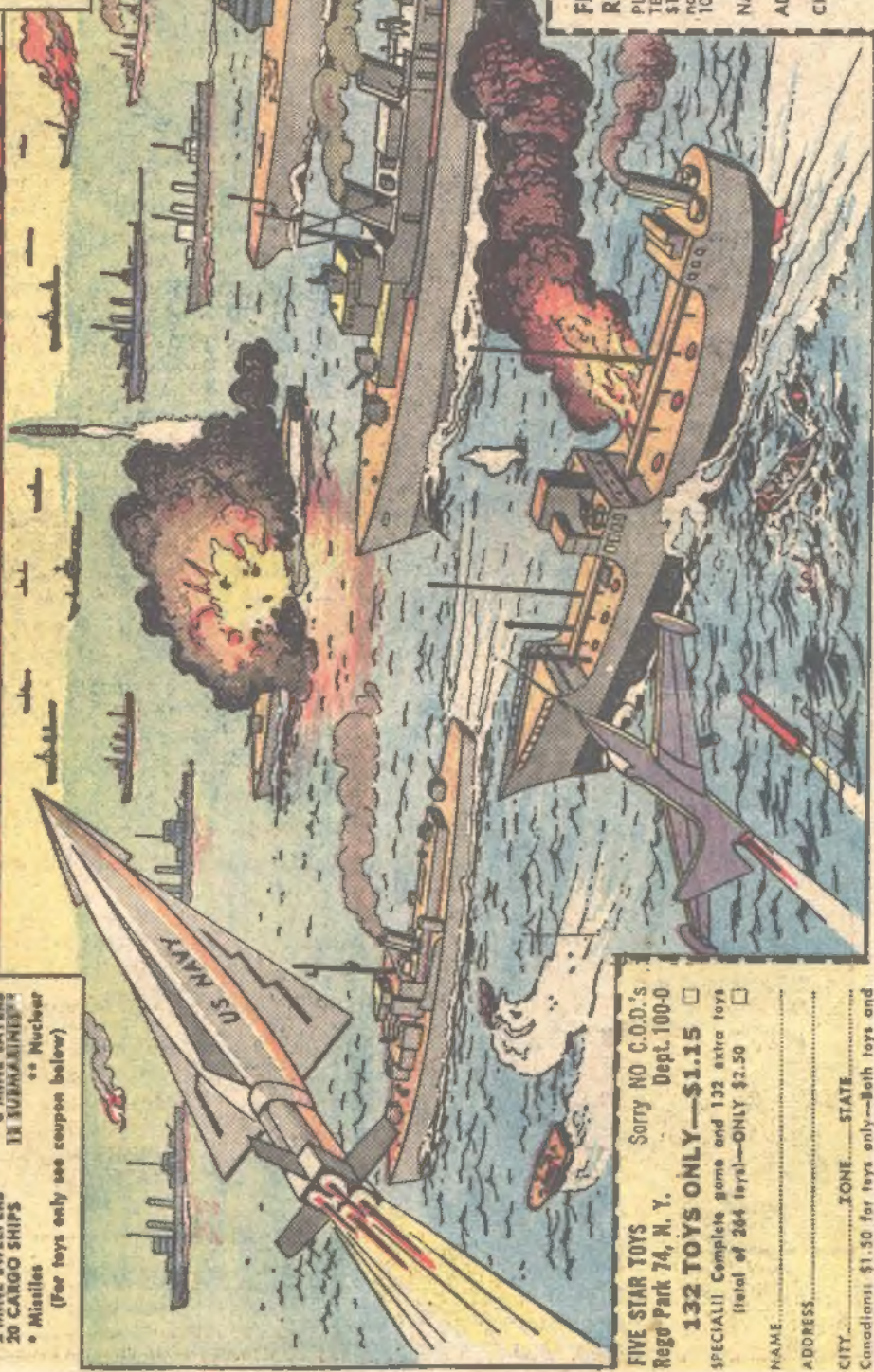
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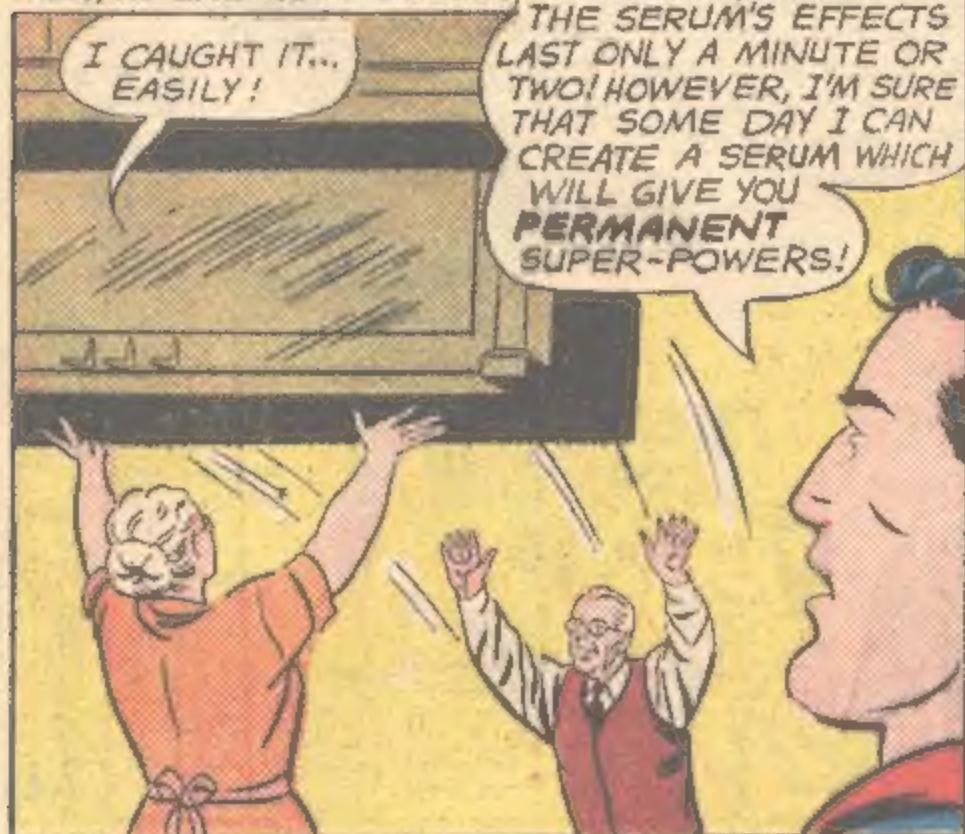
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THEN, AS DAD KENT OBEYS...



I CAUGHT IT... EASILY!

LOWER IT QUICKLY, MA! THE SERUM'S EFFECTS LAST ONLY A MINUTE OR TWO! HOWEVER, I'M SURE THAT SOME DAY I CAN CREATE A SERUM WHICH WILL GIVE YOU **PERMANENT** SUPER-POWERS!

AS MARTHA KENT FOLLOWS INSTRUCTIONS...



YOU'RE RIGHT! I-I CAN'T BUDGE IT ANYMORE! THE EFFECT HAS WORN OFF!

WHAT AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE!

THEY PREFER **SUPERMAN'S** GIFT TO MINE! CHOKE!

THAT NIGHT, IN THE KENT'S BEDROOM...



SINCE THEY'RE GOING TO DECIDE TOMORROW WHETHER **SUPERMAN** OR I LEAVE EARTH, I CAN'T RESIST TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE THINKING ABOUT, EVEN IN THEIR SLEEP! THIS INVENTION I'VE MADE PROJECTS THEIR DREAMS ONTO THE WALLS!

MUMBLE... LIFT BUILDING... MUMBLE!

MUMBLE!... BULLETS BOUNCING OFF ME...



CHOKE!-THEY'RE DREAMING WHAT MAY HAPPEN WHEN THEY GET PERMANENT SUPER-POWERS!... I GUESS IT WOULD BE SELFISH OF ME TO DEPRIVE THEM OF THE WONDERFUL BOON ONLY **SUPERMAN** CAN GIVE THEM!... I-I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!

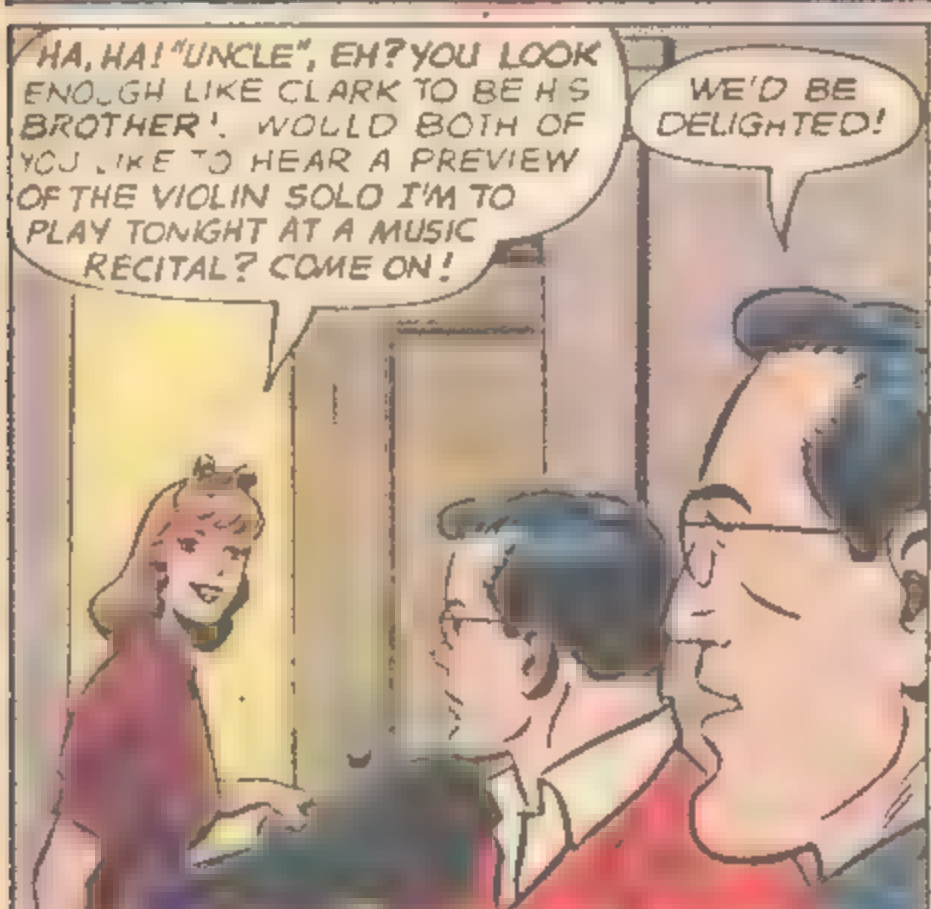
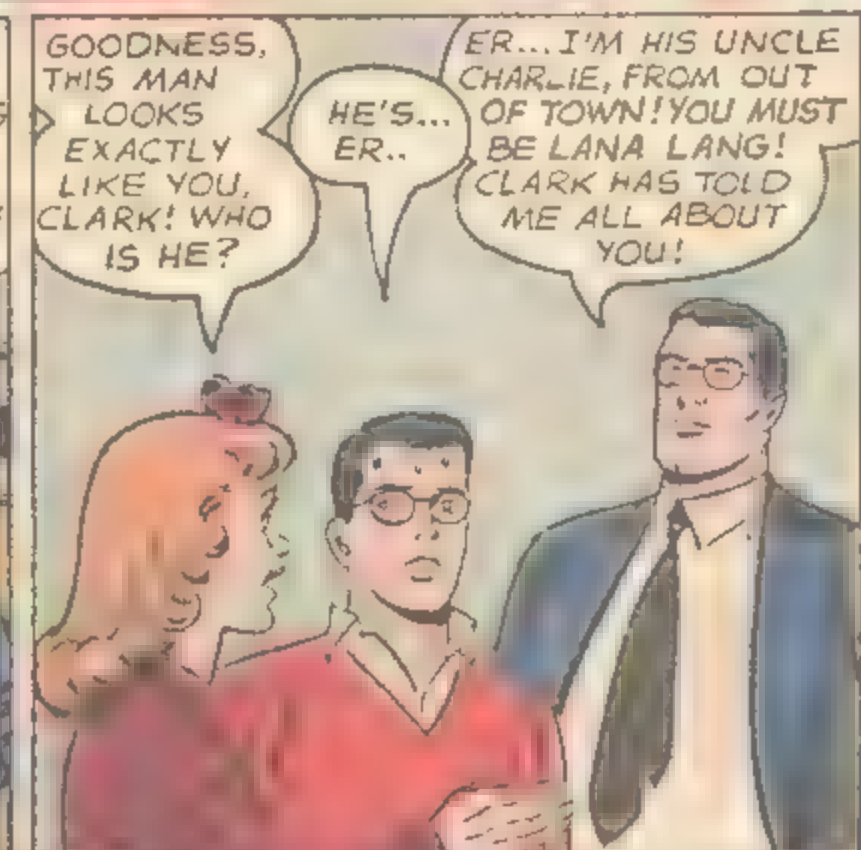
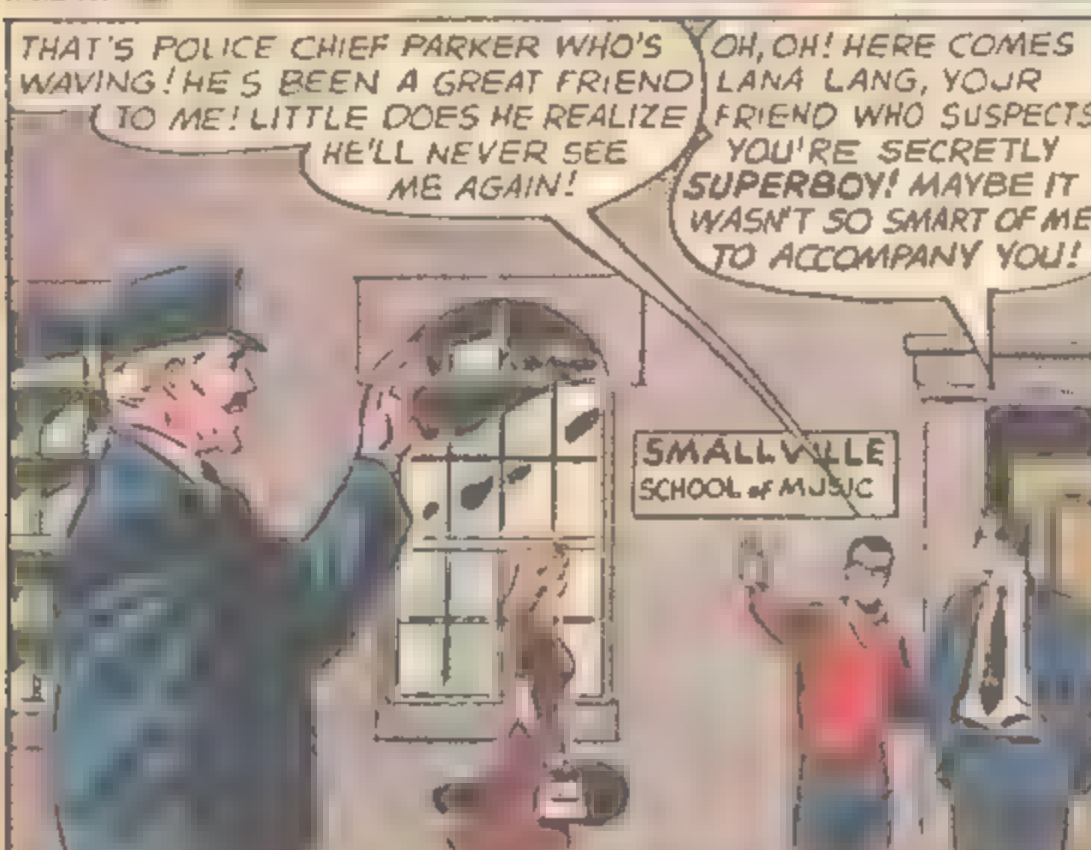
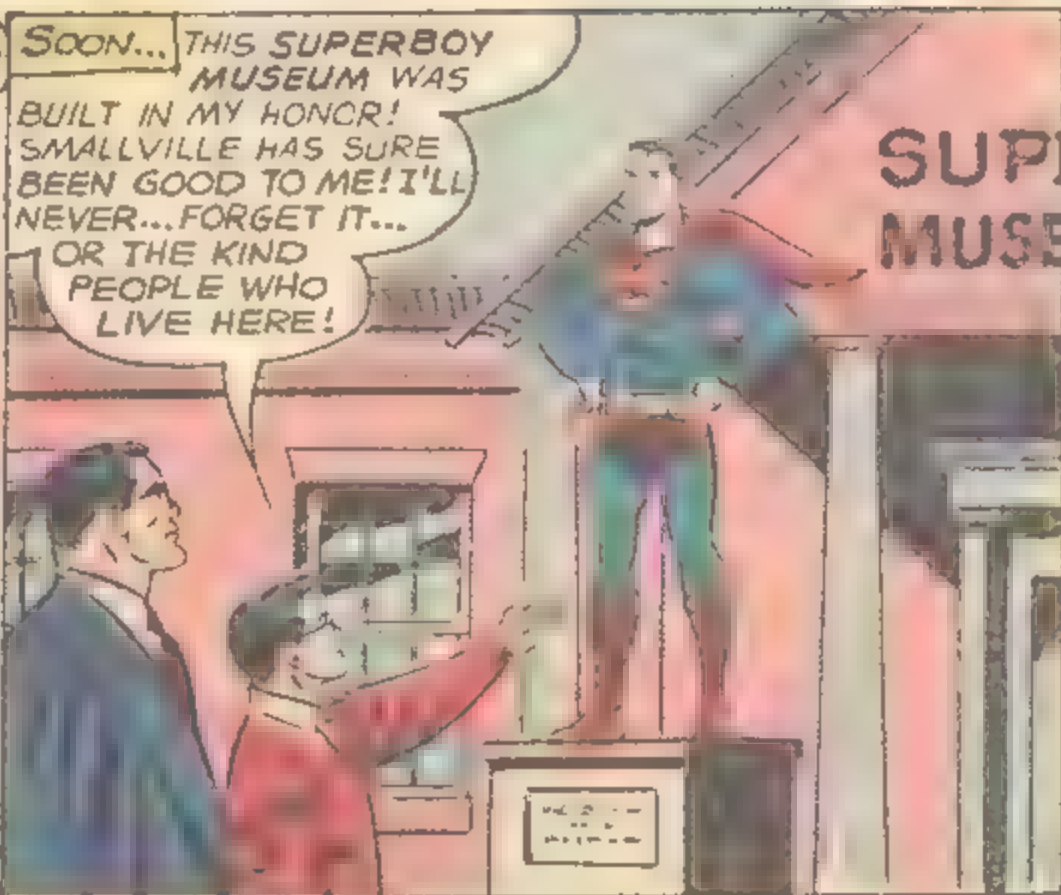
NEXT MORNING...



WE'VE DONE A LOT OF THINKING, YOUR MA AND I, ABOUT WHICH ONE OF YOU SHOULD LEAVE EARTH! IT'S VERY PAINFUL TO SAY THIS, BUT...

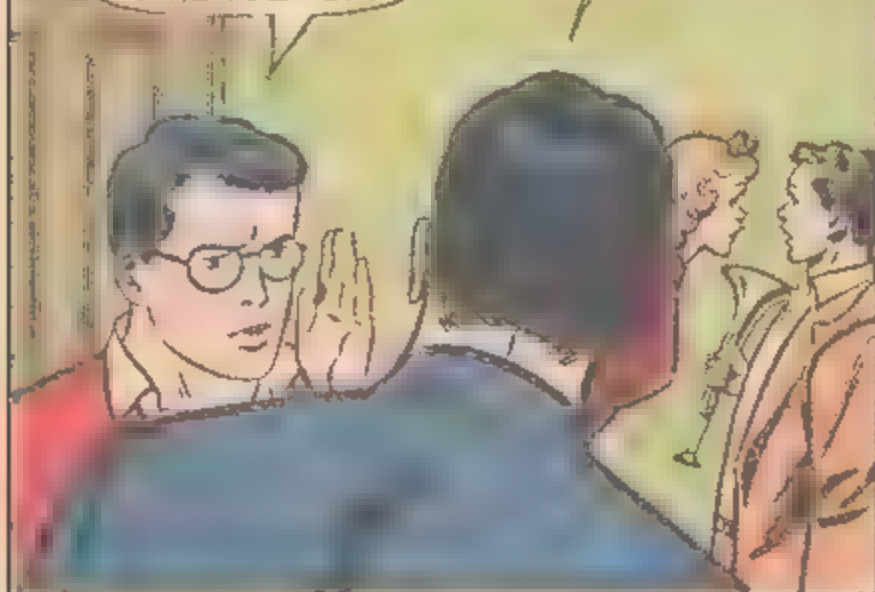
I'VE MADE THE DECISION FOR YOU! I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING AWAY FOREVER! I'LL PACK AND LEAVE NOW!

CHOKE! IT'S BETTER THIS WAY...

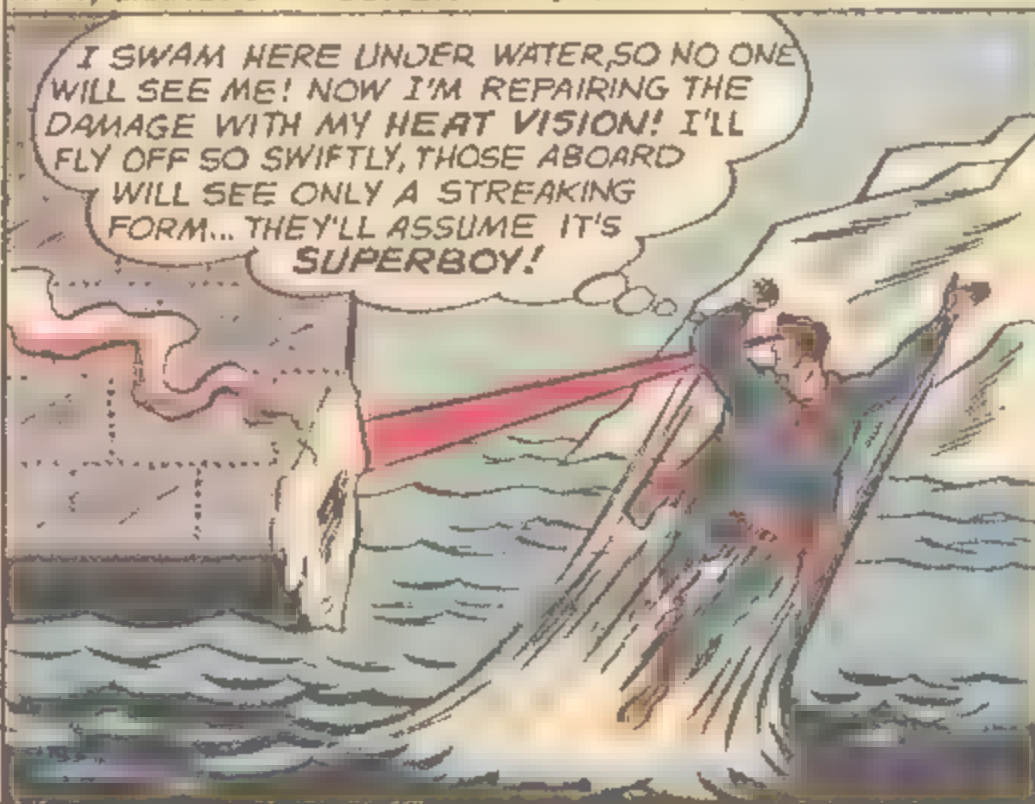


PS-ST!!-IF I LEAVE NOW, LANA WILL SUSPECT I'M SNEAKING AWAY TO RESCUE THAT SHIP AS SUPERBOY! WOULD YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS EMERGENCY?

OF COURSE! YOU REMAIN HERE... I'LL LEAVE AT ONCE! TELL LANA I HAD TO KEEP AN IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT!

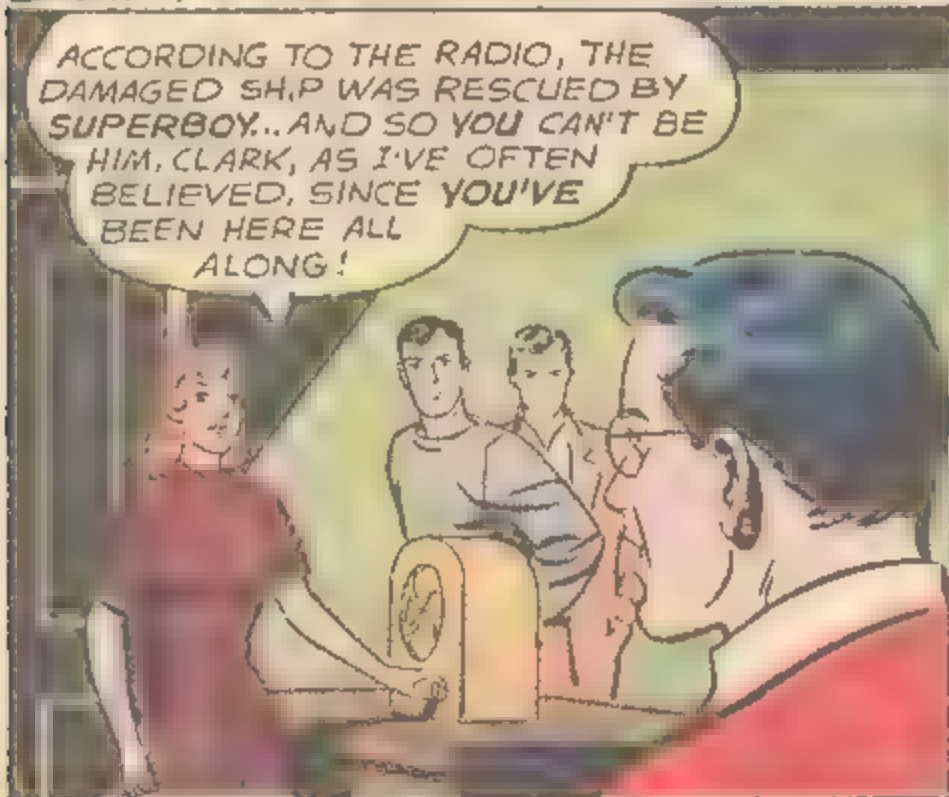


PRESENTLY, FAR OUT AT SEA, AFTER "UNCLE CHARLIE" SLIPS AWAY, CHANGES TO SUPERMAN, THEN FLASHES OFF...



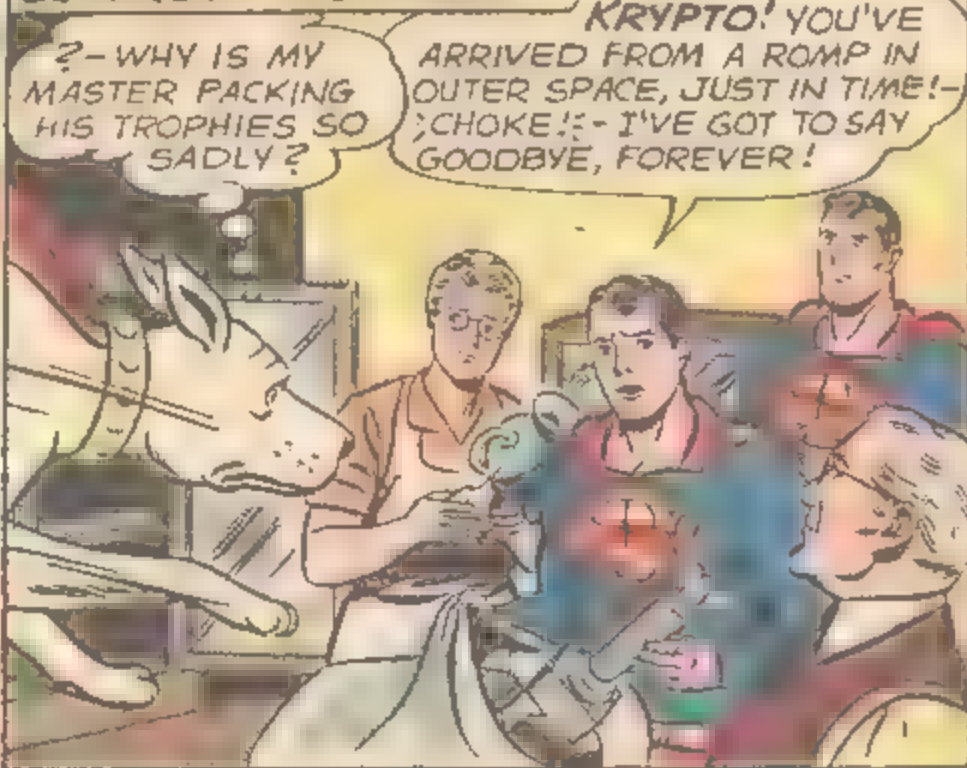
I SWAM HERE UNDER WATER, SO NO ONE WILL SEE ME! NOW I'M REPAIRING THE DAMAGE WITH MY HEAT VISION! I'LL FLY OFF SO SWIFTLY, THOSE ABOARD WILL SEE ONLY A STREAKING FORM... THEY'LL ASSUME IT'S SUPERBOY!

SHORTLY, AT THE MUSIC SCHOOL...



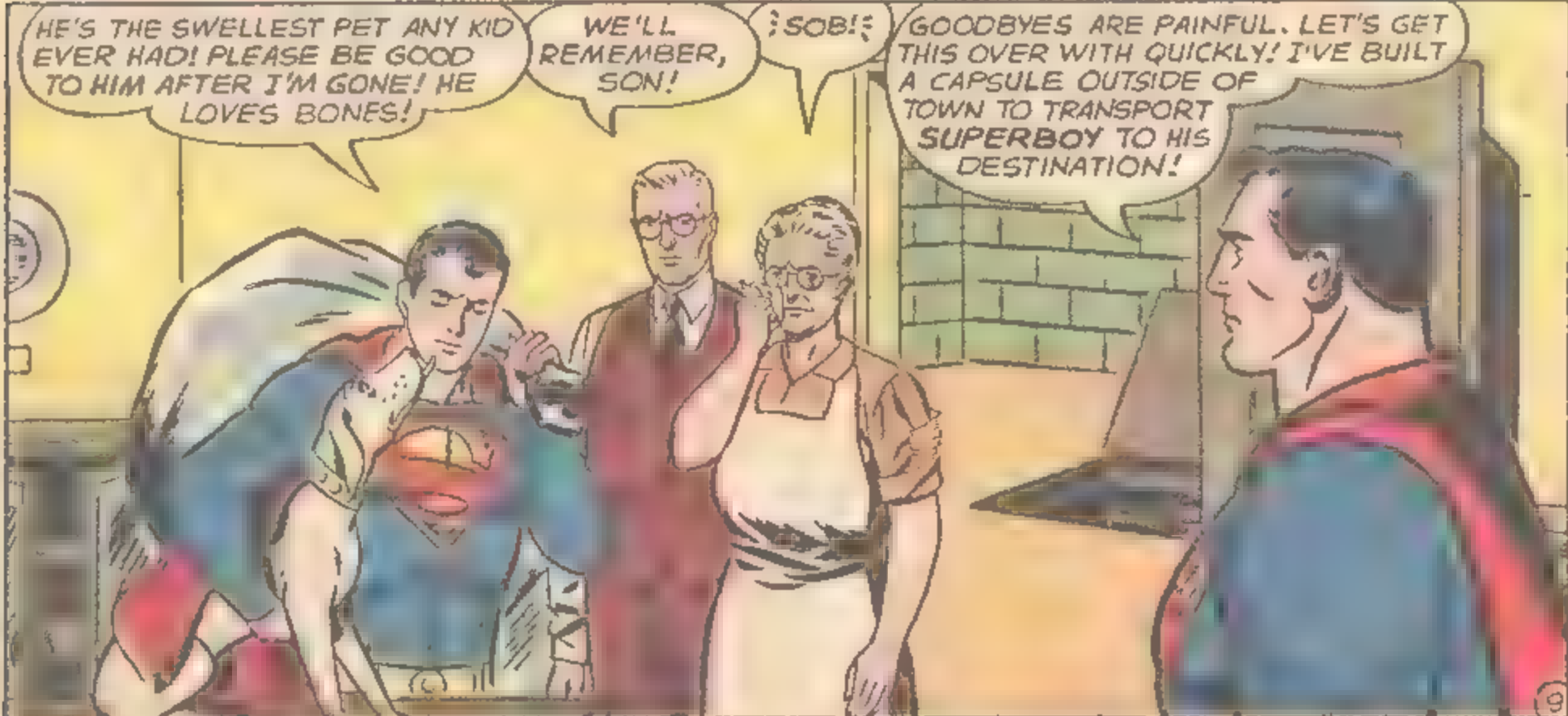
ACCORDING TO THE RADIO, THE DAMAGED SHIP WAS RESCUED BY SUPERBOY... AND SO YOU CAN'T BE HIM, CLARK, AS I'VE OFTEN BELIEVED, SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HERE ALL ALONG!

LATER, AS CLARK RETURNS HOME AND CHANGES TO SUPERBOY ONCE MORE...



?- WHY IS MY MASTER PACKING HIS TROPHIES SO SADLY?

KRYPTO! YOU'VE ARRIVED FROM A ROMP IN OUTER SPACE, JUST IN TIME! - CHOKES! - I'VE GOT TO SAY GOODBYE, FOREVER!



HE'S THE SWELLEST PET ANY KID EVER HAD! PLEASE BE GOOD TO HIM AFTER I'M GONE! HE LOVES BONES!

WE'LL REMEMBER, SON!

SOB!!

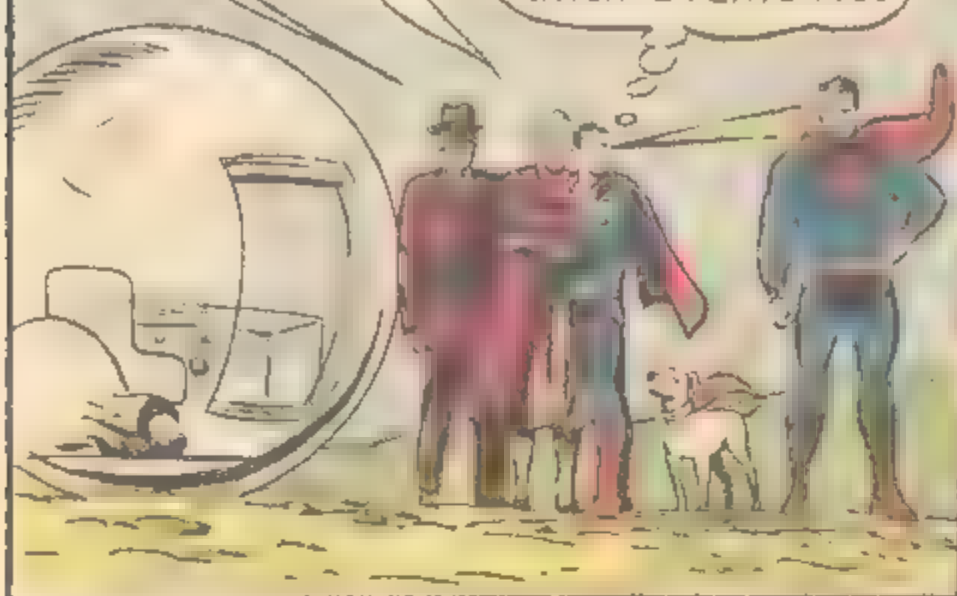
GOODBYES ARE PAINFUL. LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH QUICKLY! I'VE BUILT A CAPSULE OUTSIDE OF TOWN TO TRANSPORT SUPERBOY TO HIS DESTINATION!

SOON, ON A DESERTED FIELD.

CHOKES!
FAREWELL,
LAD...

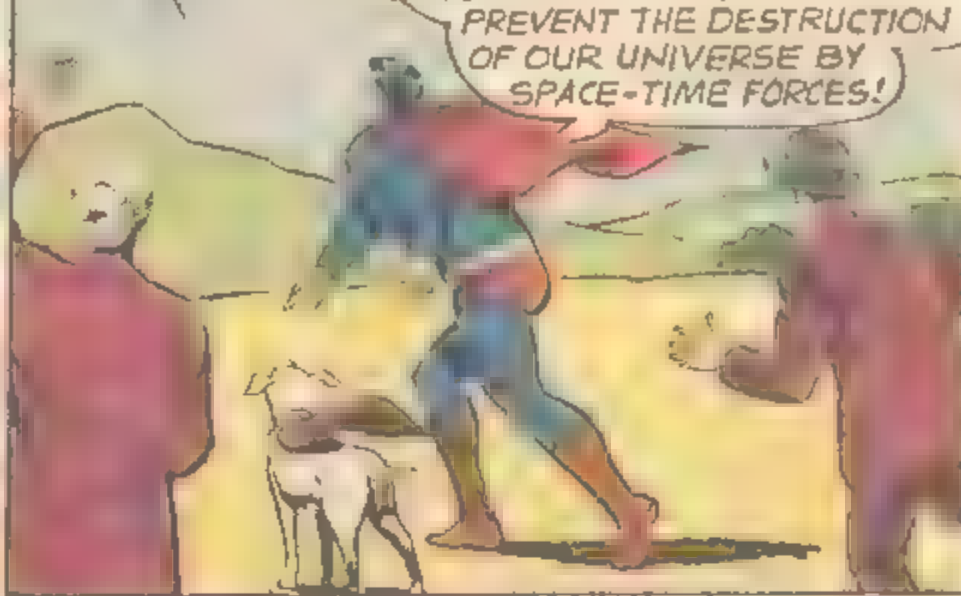
MY SON...
MY SON...

A SUSPICION JUST CROSSED
MY MIND! WHAT IF THIS
"SUPERMAN" IS AN
IMPOSTOR WEARING A
PLASTIC MASK? NO! MY
X-RAY-VISION REVEALS
THOSE ARE HIS OWN,
NATURAL FEATURES!



AFTER SUPERBOY ENTERS THE CAPSULE,
THE MAN OF STEEL HURLES IT ALOFT.

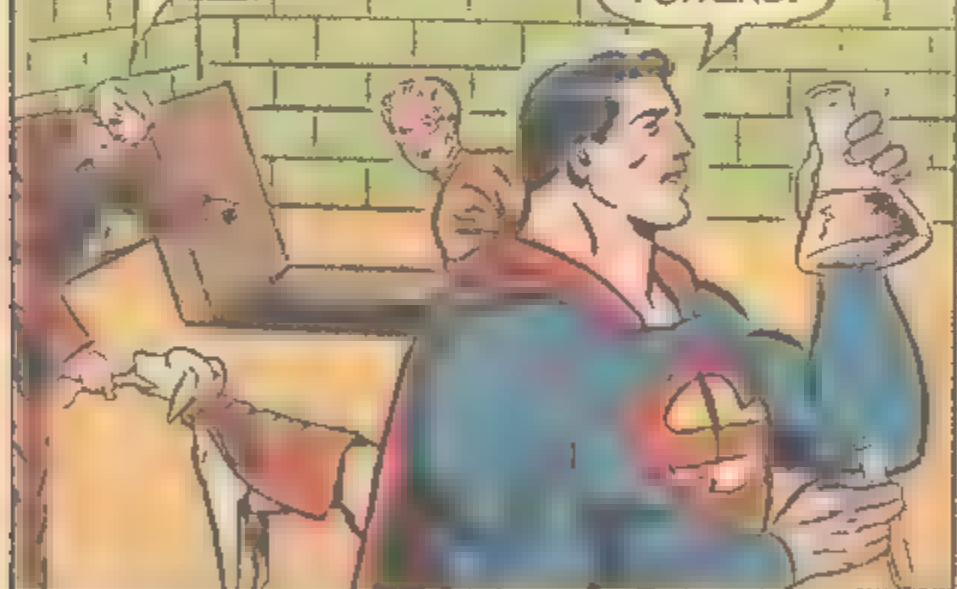
OFF HE GOES TO A SOLAR SYSTEM
WHICH HAS A RED SUN! HE'LL
LOSE HIS SUPER-POWERS THERE,
BUT IF HE STAYS THERE FOR THE
REST OF HIS LIFE, IT WILL
PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION
OF OUR UNIVERSE BY
SPACE-TIME FORCES!



SHORTLY, IN THE BASEMENT OF THE KENT HOME...

HERE, KRYPTO! TAKE
THIS BONE, AND GO
AND ENJOY IT
SOMEWHERE!

GOOD NEWS, FOLKS! I'VE
PERFECTED A SERUM
WHICH CAN GIVE YOU
PERMANENT SUPER-
POWERS!



AFTER KRYPTO DEPARTS...

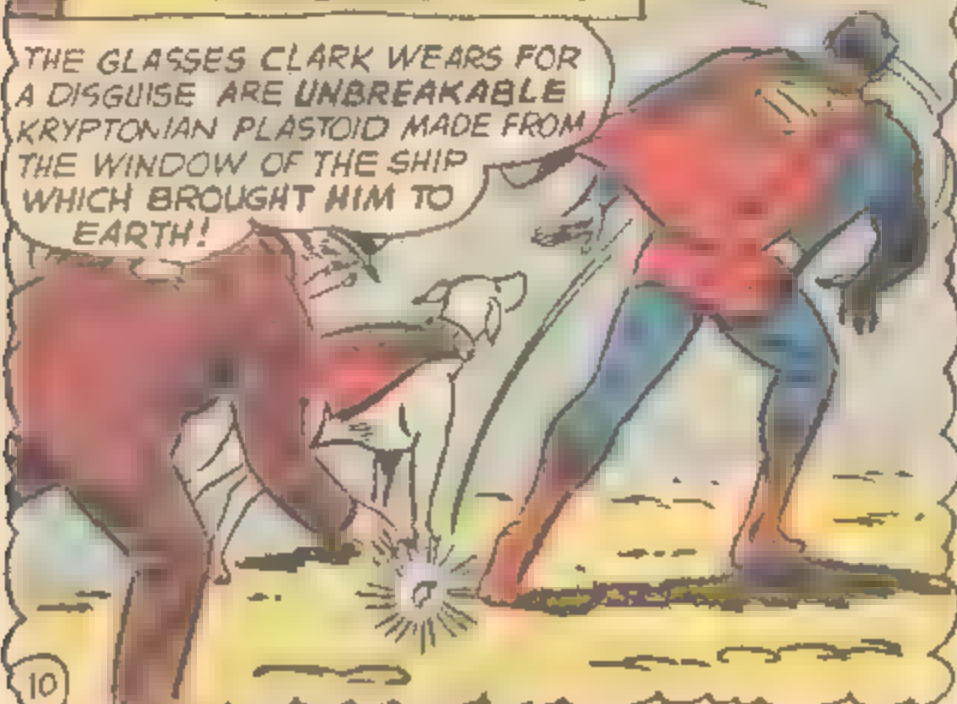
TRUE! BUT HOW IN
KRYPTO'S NAME
DID YOU FIND
OUT?

DON'T DRINK IT, MARTHA! THE
SERUM MAY CONTAIN SOMETHING
HARMFUL! THIS ISN'T OUR SON
GROWN INTO AN ADULT! HE'S ..
AN IMPOSTOR...A FAKE!



"THIS LITTLE PIECE OF GLASS GAVE YOU
AWAY! WHEN YOU TOSSED OUR SON'S
CAPSULE TOWARD OUTER SPACE, A BROKEN
LENS OF YOUR SPECTACLES FLEW OUT OF
YOUR CAPE'S POUCH!"

THE GLASSES CLARK WEARS FOR
A DISGUISE ARE UNBREAKABLE
KRYPTONIAN PLASTOID MADE FROM
THE WINDOW OF THE SHIP
WHICH BROUGHT HIM TO
EARTH!



IF YOU WERE
REALLY AN ADULT
DUPLICATE OF OUR
SON, YOUR "CLARK
KENT" DISGUISE-
SPECTACLES WOULD
ALSO BE
INDESTRUCTIBLE,
LIKE HIS!

THAT LITTLE FOOL, LANA LANG!
WHEN SHE HIT THAT HIGH NOTE,
ITS ULTRA-HIGH VIBRATIONS
MUST HAVE SHATTERED
THE RIGHT LENS OF MY
SPECTACLES, MADE OF
ORDINARY EARTH GLASS!
BUT NOW THAT YOU
KNOW THIS MUCH, I'LL
TELL YOU THE REST!



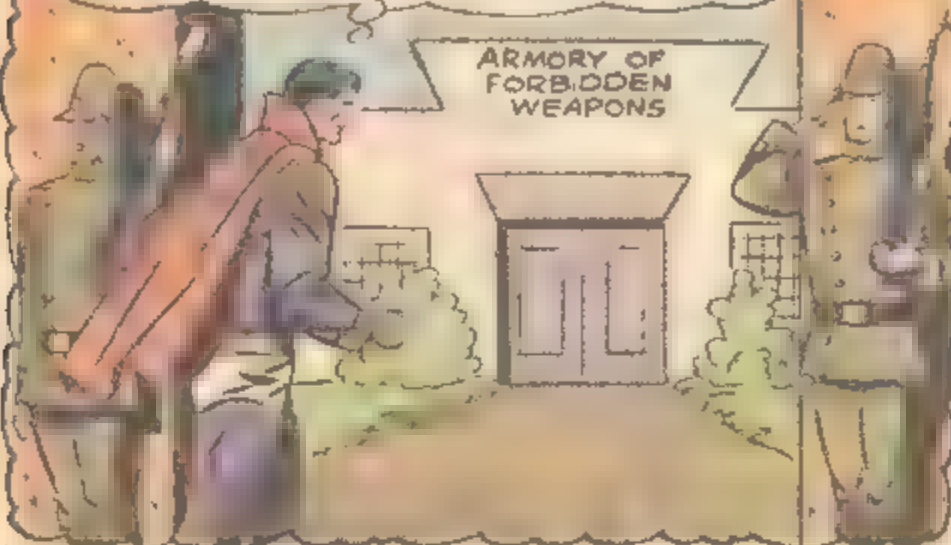


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"MY REAL NAME IS **ROZ-EM**! YEARS AGO, ON **KRYPTON**, I PLANNED A 'PERFECT CRIME'."

HA, HA! I HIRED A CROOKED FACIAL SURGEON TO CHANGE MY FEATURES SO I LOOK EXACTLY LIKE **NIM-EL**, THE KEEPER OF THIS ARMORY! HE'S THE BROTHER OF THE SCIENTIST, **JOR-EL**! WHILE PRETENDING TO BE **NIM-EL**, I'LL BE ABLE TO STEAL A VALUABLE WEAPON!



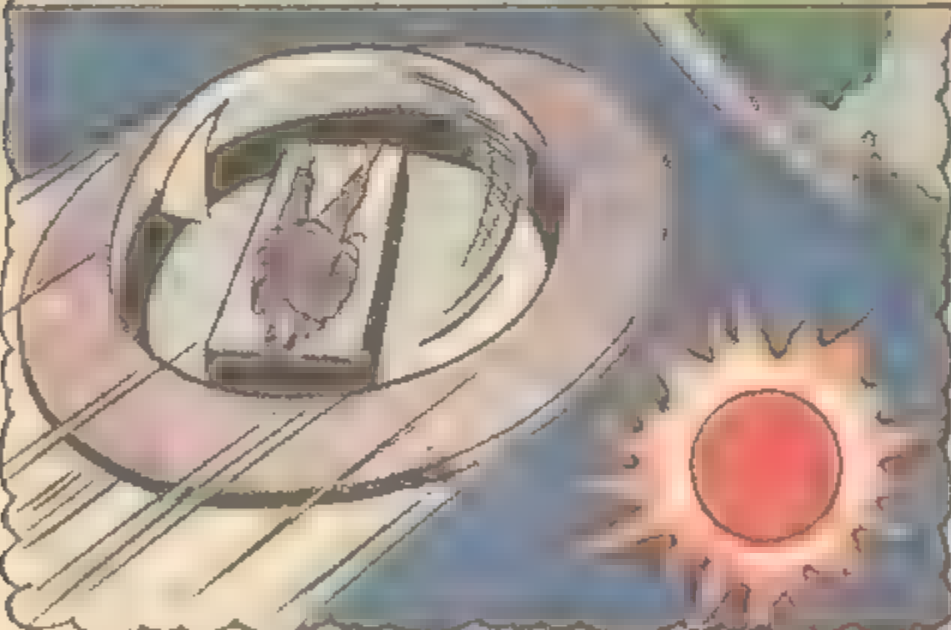
"BUT THE REAL **NIM-EL** RETURNED AS I WAS LEAVING WITH THE WEAPON UNDER MY CAPE..."

AN IMPOSTOR! CALL THE GUARD, **JOR-EL**!

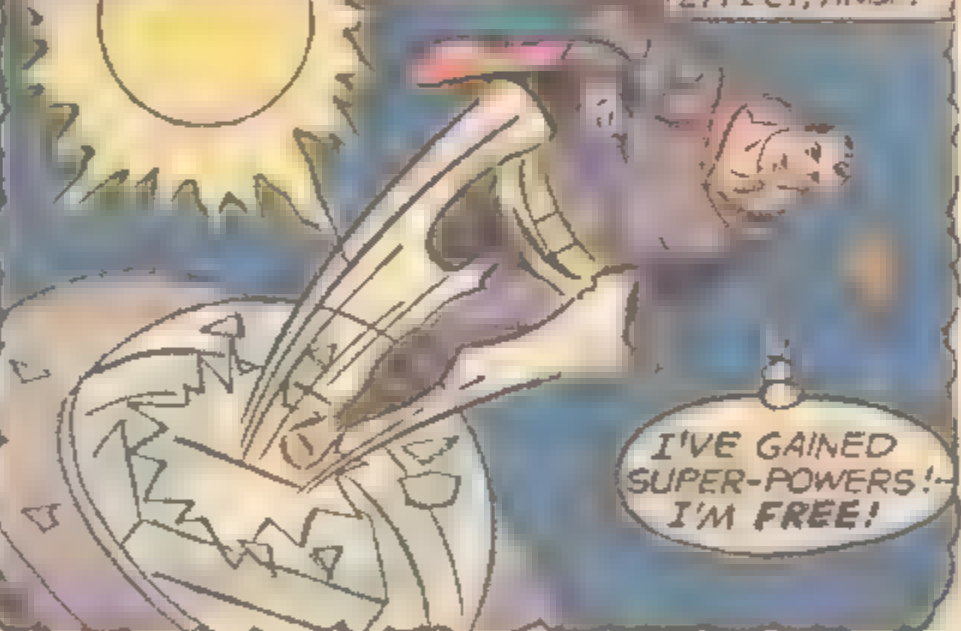
QUICK! HELP US SUBDUE THIS THIEF WHO IS PRETENDING TO BE MY BROTHER!



"AS PUNISHMENT FOR MY CRIME, I WAS PUT INTO A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION* INSIDE A SPACE CAPSULE, THEN SHOT INTO ORBIT AROUND **KRYPTON**..."



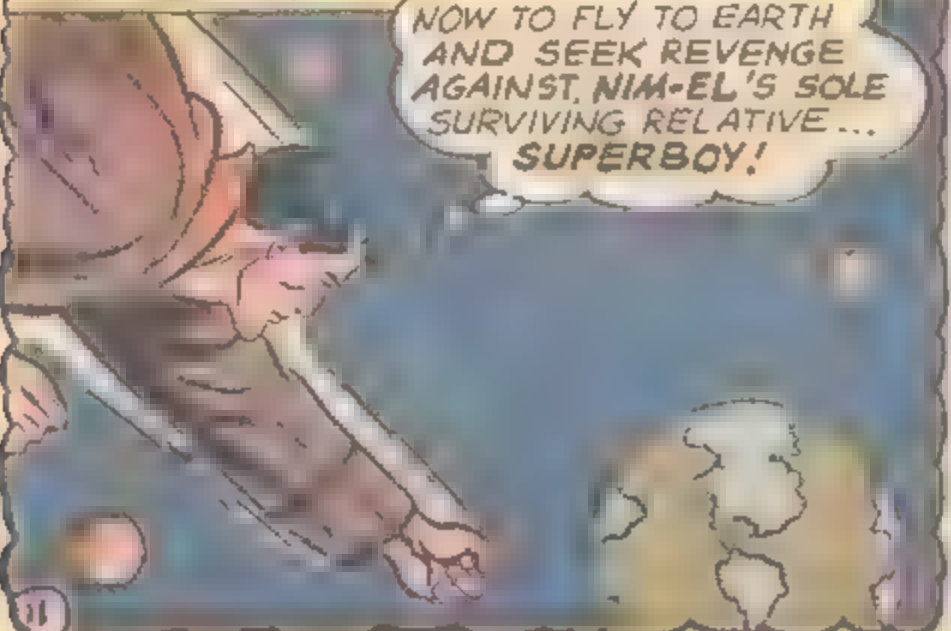
"MANY YEARS LATER, A METEOR GLANCED OFF MY CAPSULE AND CHANGED ITS COURSE. I DRIFTED AWAY FROM **KRYPTON'S RED SUN**... AND AS I NEARED A **YELLOW SUN**, ITS RAYS MADE ME INVULNERABLE TO THE SUSPENDED ANIMATION EFFECT, AND..."



I'VE GAINED SUPER-POWERS! I'M FREE!

*THIS WAS IN THE DAYS BEFORE **KRYPTON'S** CONVICTED CRIMINALS WERE PROJECTED INTO THE **PHANTOM ZONE**.
EDITOR

"OVERTAKING LIGHT-RAYS AT SUPER-SPEED, I SAW HOW **KRYPTON** HAD EXPLODED AFTER I DRIFTED AWAY, AND HOW **JOR-EL'S** SON, **KAL-EL**, ESCAPED TO EARTH IN A ROCKET SHIP AND WAS ADOPTED BY YOU! I DISCOVERED, TOO, THAT HE WAS VULNERABLE TO GREEN AND RED **KRYPTONITE**!"



NOW TO FLY TO EARTH AND SEEK REVENGE AGAINST **NIM-EL'S** SOLE SURVIVING RELATIVE... **SUPERBOY!**

REACHING EARTH, I MADE MYSELF A FAKE "**SUPERMAN UNIFORM**"... AND PLACING SOME PHONEY "**RED KRYPTONITE**" AMIDST THE RUBBLE CAUSED BY THE EXPLODING SHELLS, I PRETENDED ITS EFFECT WAS TO CREATE AN ADULT DUPLICATE OF **SUPERBOY**...



ME!



NOW THAT I'VE SENT **SUPERBOY** TOWARD A **RED SUN** WHERE HE'LL LOSE HIS POWERS, MY NEXT STEP IS TO MAKE YOU DRINK THIS SUSPENDED ANIMATION POTION! THEN I'LL FREE OTHER KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS WHO ARE ASLEEP IN SPACE CAPSULES, AND WE'LL CONQUER THE UNIVERSE!

THINK SO?!



GAAA-AA! SUPERBOY! BUT I THOUGHT...

YOU THOUGHT WRONG, **ROZ-EM!** RETURNING TO EARTH, AND OVERHEARING YOU WITH MY **SUPER-HEARING**, I GOT THIS RAY FROM HIDING, AND AM PROJECTING YOU INTO THE **PHANTOM ZONE... A PUNISHMENT FOR KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS YOU DESERVE!**



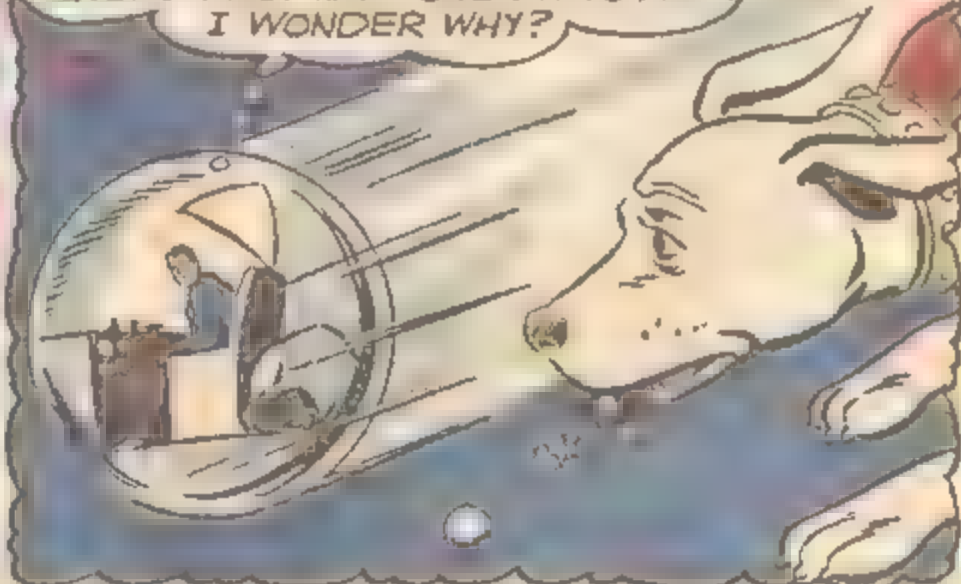
CHOKES!—HOW WONDERFUL YOU CAME BACK IN TIME TO RESCUE US, **SUN!** BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE TRAVELING TOWARD THAT **RED SUN**, WHERE YOU'D LOSE YOUR **SUPER-POWERS?** WHAT MADE YOU COME BACK?

WELL, MOM...



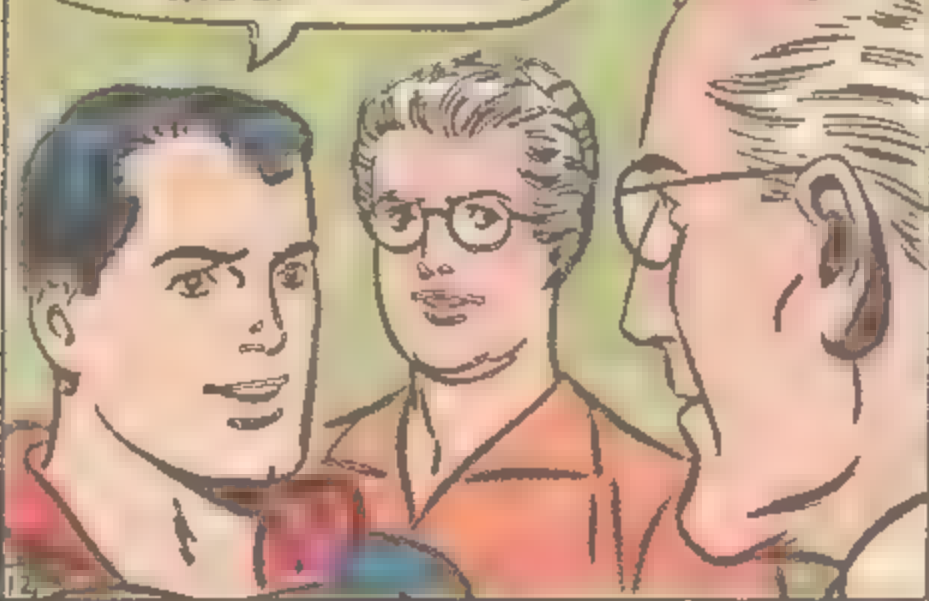
...WHILE I WAS NEARING THAT **RED SUN**, BUT STILL WITHIN RANGE OF OUR **YELLOW SUN'S SOLAR RAYS**, **KRYPTO** OVERTOOK MY CAPSULE, AND...

KRYPTO'S CARRYING A FIGURINE OF ME! DAD MUST HAVE GIVEN IT TO HIM... I WONDER WHY?



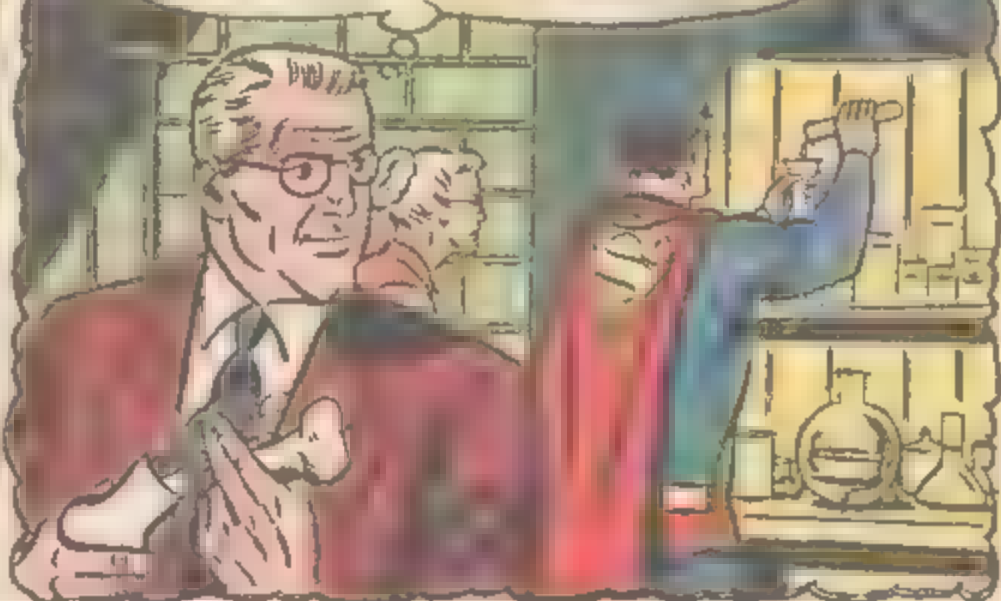
REALIZING YOU HAD GIVEN **KRYPTO** THE FIGURINE FOR A GOOD REASON, I EMERGED FROM THE CAPSULE, REACHING EARTH AND SPYING ON **ROZ-EM**, I DISCOVERED HIS HOAX! YOU KNOW THE REST! BUT HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO GIVE THE FIGURINE TO **KRYPTO**, WITH **ROZ-EM** WATCHING?

I'LL EXPLAIN!

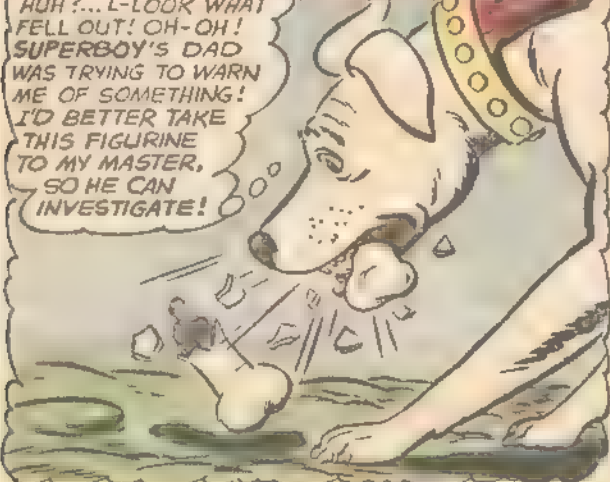


AFTER I LEARNED FROM THE FRAGMENT OF HIS BROKEN SPECTACLES THAT '**SUPERMAN**' WAS A FAKE, I TOOK THAT SMALL FIGURINE OF YOU AND PLACED IT INSIDE A HOLLOW BONE...

"SUPERMAN" IS SO BUSY MAKING THAT POTION, HE DOESN'T SEE WHAT I'M DOING! NOW TO GIVE THIS TO **KRYPTO!**

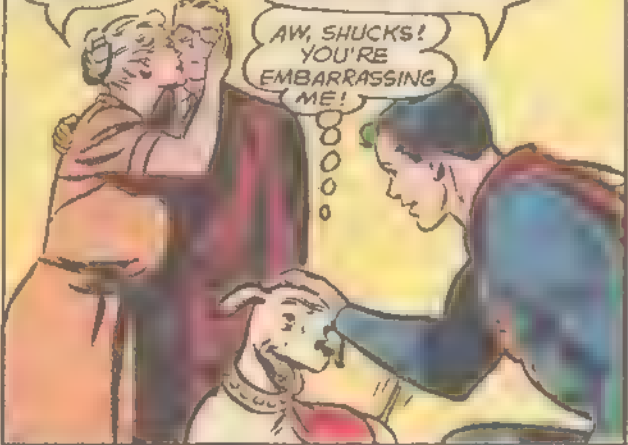


"I CAN IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT, SON... KRYPTO FLEW OFF WITH HIS BONE, AND WHEN HE BEGAN TO CHEW IT..."



HUH?... L-LOOK WHAT FELL OUT! OH-OH! SUPERBOY'S DAD WAS TRYING TO WARN ME OF SOMETHING! I'D BETTER TAKE THIS FIGURINE TO MY MASTER, SO HE CAN INVESTIGATE!

GOODNESS, JONATHAN, THAT WAS CLEVER OF YOU! QUICK THINKING, DAD! AND KRYPTO WAS PLENTY SMART, TOO! IF HE HADN'T CAUGHT ON TO YOUR PLAN, ROZ-EM'S PLOT WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED!



AW, SHUCKS! YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME!

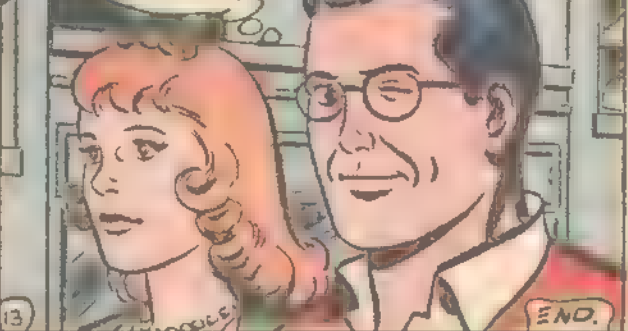
LATER, THE BOY OF STEEL CHANGES TO HIS CLARK KENT IDENTITY AND ENCOUNTERS LANA AFTER HER MUSIC RECITAL...

TOO BAD YOUR UNCLE CHARLIE LEFT TOWN SO SOON, CLARK! HE WAS A NICE MAN, HE HAD SUCH FINE TASTE, TOO. HE LOVED MY MUSIC!



YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT!

LANA SURE WOULD BE SHOCKED IF SHE KNEW THAT HER VIOLIN'S HIGH NOTE... SHATTERING MY "UNCLE'S" GLASSES... UNMASKED A SUPER-VILLAIN, SO THAT SUPERBOY WAS ABLE TO STOP HIM FROM CONQUERING THE UNIVERSE!... OH, WELL, THAT'S THE WAY THE NON-SUPER SPECTACLES CRUMBLE!



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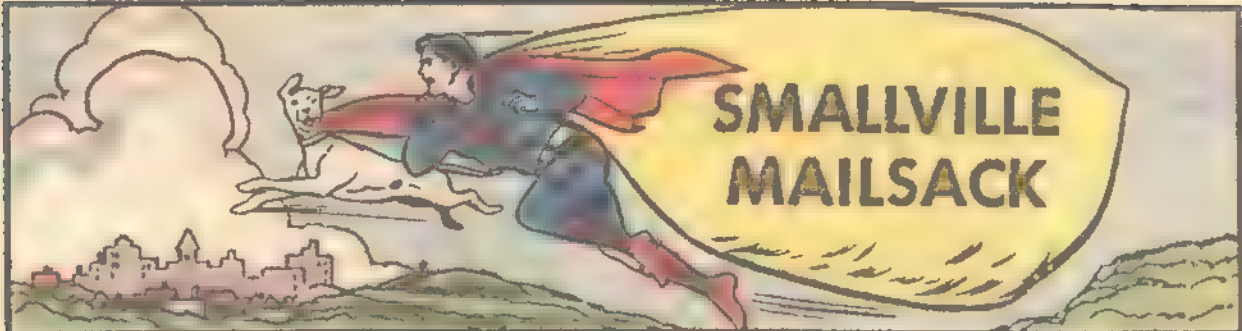
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Dear Editor: I enjoyed the story, "The Secret Origin of Bouncing Boy," very much. But as a great admirer of the Legion of Super-Heroes, I would like to know if the various Legionnaires have secret identities, like SUPERBOY. Also, can you tell me who is the official leader of this super-club?

Linda Emmick, DeQuincy, La.
(The Legionnaires do not have any secret identities; with the exception of Superboy and Supergirl, they operate in the open. As to who is their leader, see the story in this issue.—Ed.)

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 Dear Editor: In the Legion story about Bouncing Boy, you show him buying a bottle of soda pop which costs fifty cents? Isn't that kind of expensive?

Ronald Berglund, Minneapolis, Minn.
(Obviously, inflation during the coming centuries will have zoomed the price of soda pop. Hot dogs at the Yankee Stadium used to cost 10c when Babe Ruth was a player, cost 25 cents today. Besides, this soda pop was a special brand, imported from another planet, hence the increased cost.—Ed.)

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 Dear Editor: In the story, "Clark Kent and Lex Luthor, Cell-Mates," you show Clark (Superboy) Kent walking past the prison's electric eye and being trapped by the alarm, because he has a concealed metal saw in his hat. But how come Lex Luthor's tape recorder and radio weren't spotted by this same device?

Lee Goodman, Kansas City, Mo.
(Wily Luthor had made his tape recorder and radio out of plastic material, which the electric eye metal-detector couldn't expose.—Ed.)

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 Dear Editor: I liked your latest Legion story very much, but I was quite disappointed because Mon-El had to go back to the Phantom Zone. I speak for numerous fans when I implore you to cure Mon-El completely, so that he can stay out of the Phantom Zone permanently.

Elyse Eisner, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
(Please be patient. Remember, it took quite a while for Supergirl to prove herself so that Superman could reveal her publicly to the world. We promise you that eventually Mon-El will be released permanently from the Phantom Zone. However, we have several important missions for him to perform before he wins his freedom from the Zone.—Ed.)

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 Dear Editor: I enjoyed the story you published some time ago, in which you introduced the Legion of Super-Pets. Will we ever see them again?

Gary Banks, Lexington, Ky.
(Yes, indeed. And you'll see them in action with the Legion of Super-Heroes.—Ed.)

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 Dear Editor: I've dug up some interesting historical

facts which pertain to Cosmic Boy and Lightning Lad. Back in 1890, a 16-year-old student of Maryland College, by the name of Louis Hamburg, had the ability to draw heavy metal objects toward him from a distance of several inches. Also, one Jennie Morgan, of Sedalia, Missouri, actually became a "Lightning Girl" in 1895. Though she could not hurl thunderbolts, her power was strong enough to shock people into consciousness. Who said truth isn't stranger than fiction?

Bob Marcus, East Meadow, Long Island, N.Y.
(Very interesting, but we know many of our skeptical readers will demand more evidence. Therefore, could you please furnish us with exact information as to where you ran across these facts, so that we can evaluate their historical accuracy.—Ed.)

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 Dear Editor: As a faithful follower of all your magazines for several years, I am very much grieved by the absence of the Bizarro characters. I know many readers prefer the "Tales of the Legion" series, but I for one miss the hilarious mad antics of those crazy Bizarro idiots. True, oftentimes their adventures were way out, but they offered something utterly original in comics history and they certainly gave everyone a barrel of belly-laughs. So how about bringing them back for a return engagement?

Louis Kates, Independence, Mo.
(You are not alone in your request for a revival of the Bizarro family. Therefore, as a compromise, we intend to feature a story shortly in which the world sees the formation of a Bizarro Legion of Super-Heroes. We promise it will be funny and exciting.—Ed.)

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 Dear Editor: In a recent issue, Allen Pelcher suggested that you encourage readers to send in "Bits of Legionnaire Business." You responded that you would go along with his idea if someone would define what a bit of "L.B." was to be. Well, how about if a "Bit of Legionnaire Business" is a postal card with a few lines suggesting the name of a NEW super-hero to be admitted in the Legion, plus a suggestion of the super-power he might possess. Thus, a bit of "L.B." might be: "I suggest a new character, POLAR BOY, who has the power of freezing to ice anything in his area." How about it?

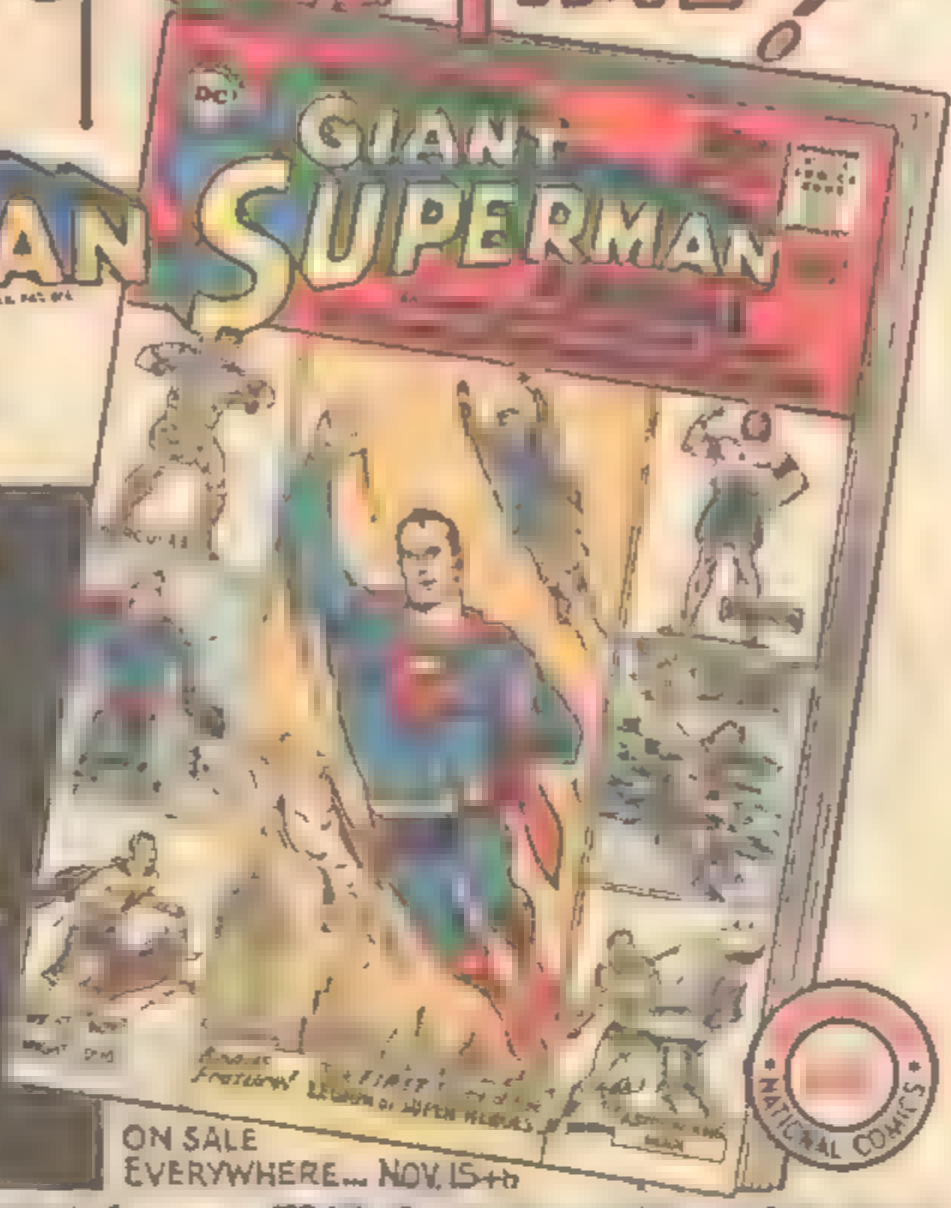
Buddy LaVigne, Northbrook, Ill.
(Great idea. Readers, take note and start sending us your suggestions on a postal card. We'll print the best ones and use all accepted new characters in future Legion tales.—Ed.)

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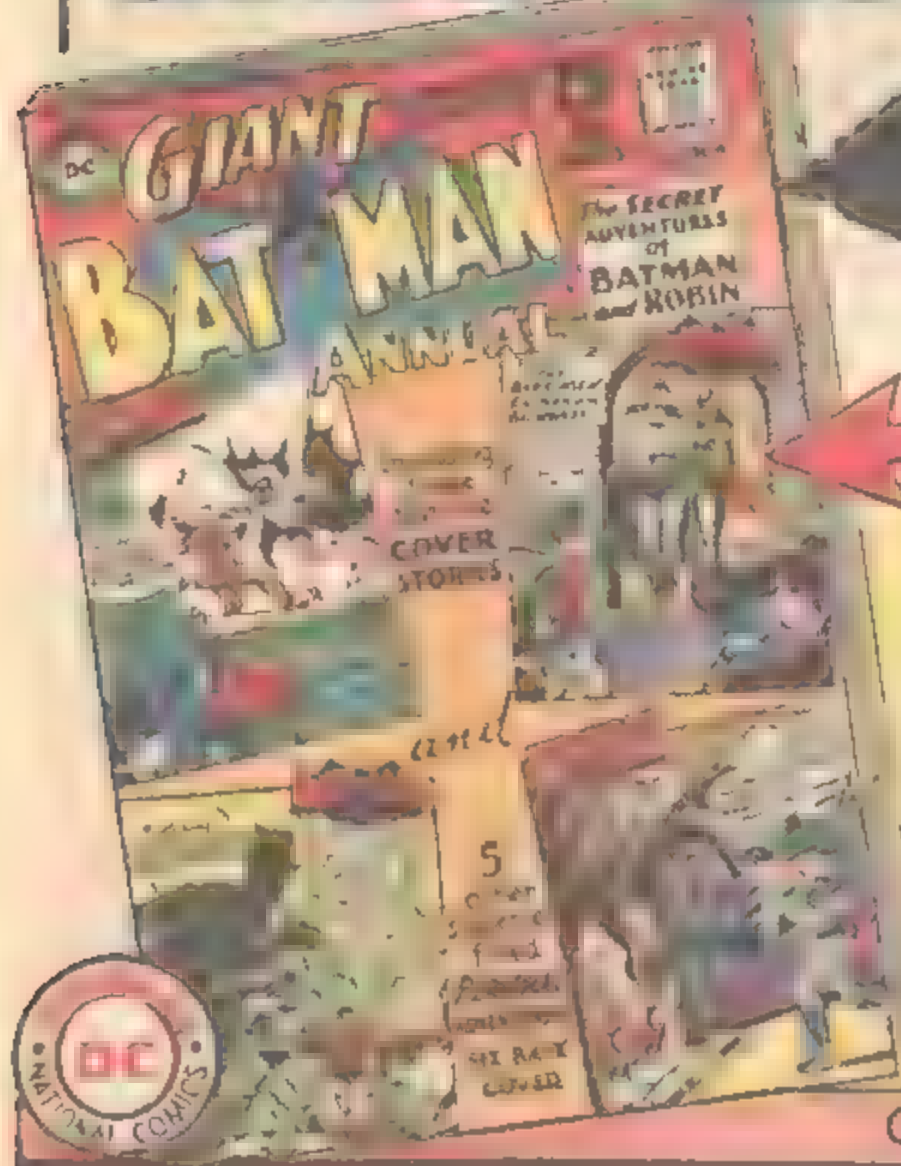
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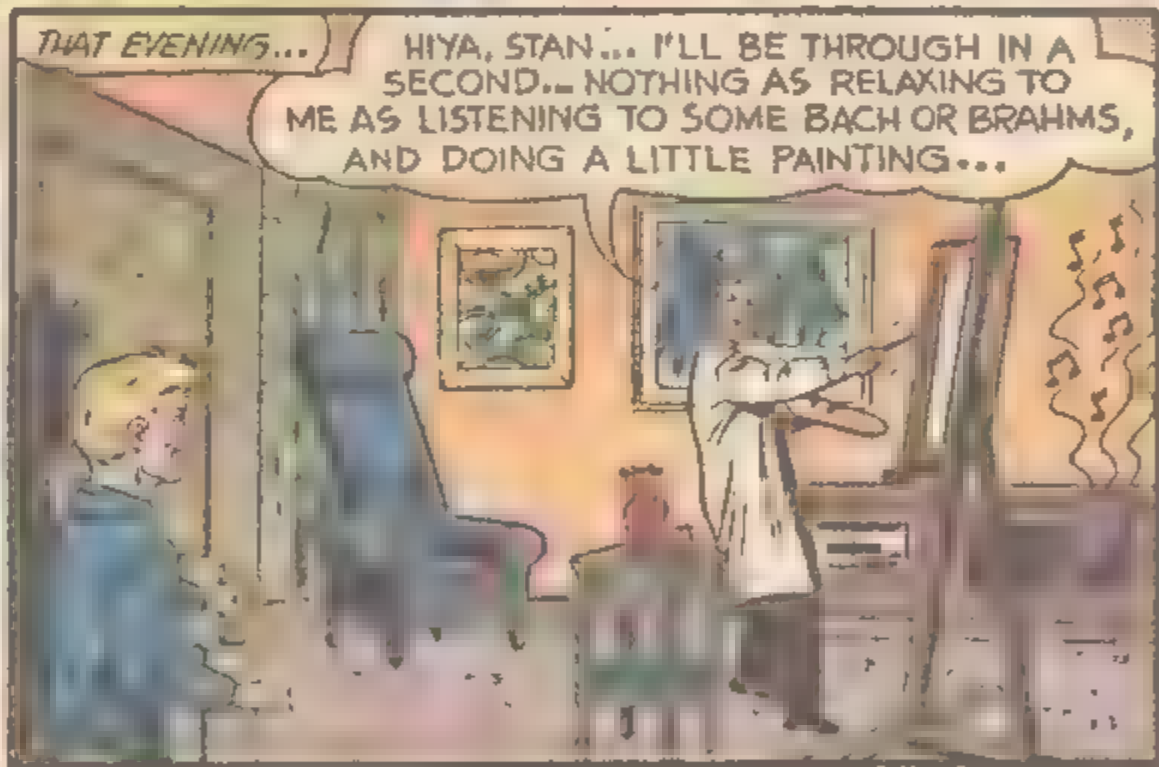
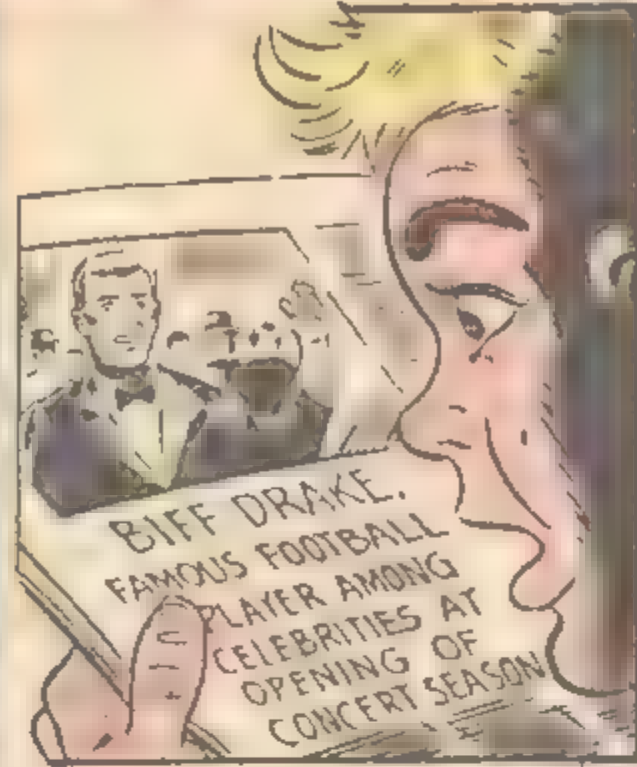
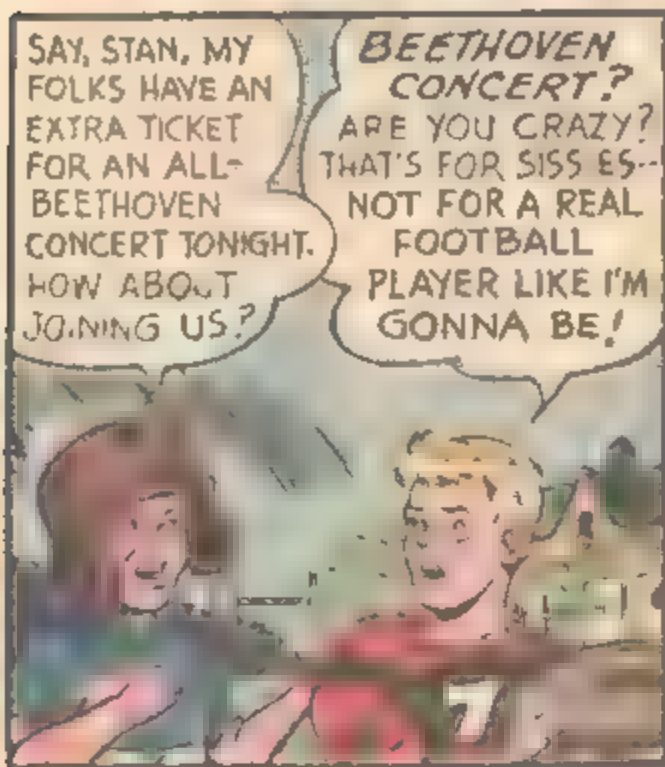


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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

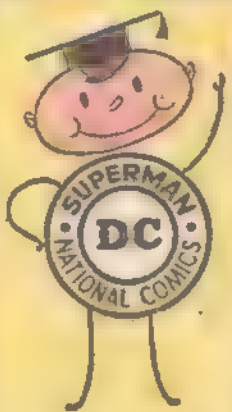
I DID ACCIDENTALLY SPILL SOME SOUP ON MR. GWYN, THE BIG PRODUCER!

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER FIVE MEN?

OH, THEY'RE HIS "YES-MEN" --

-- SO THEY PURPOSELY SPILLED SOUP ON THEMSELVES, TOO!

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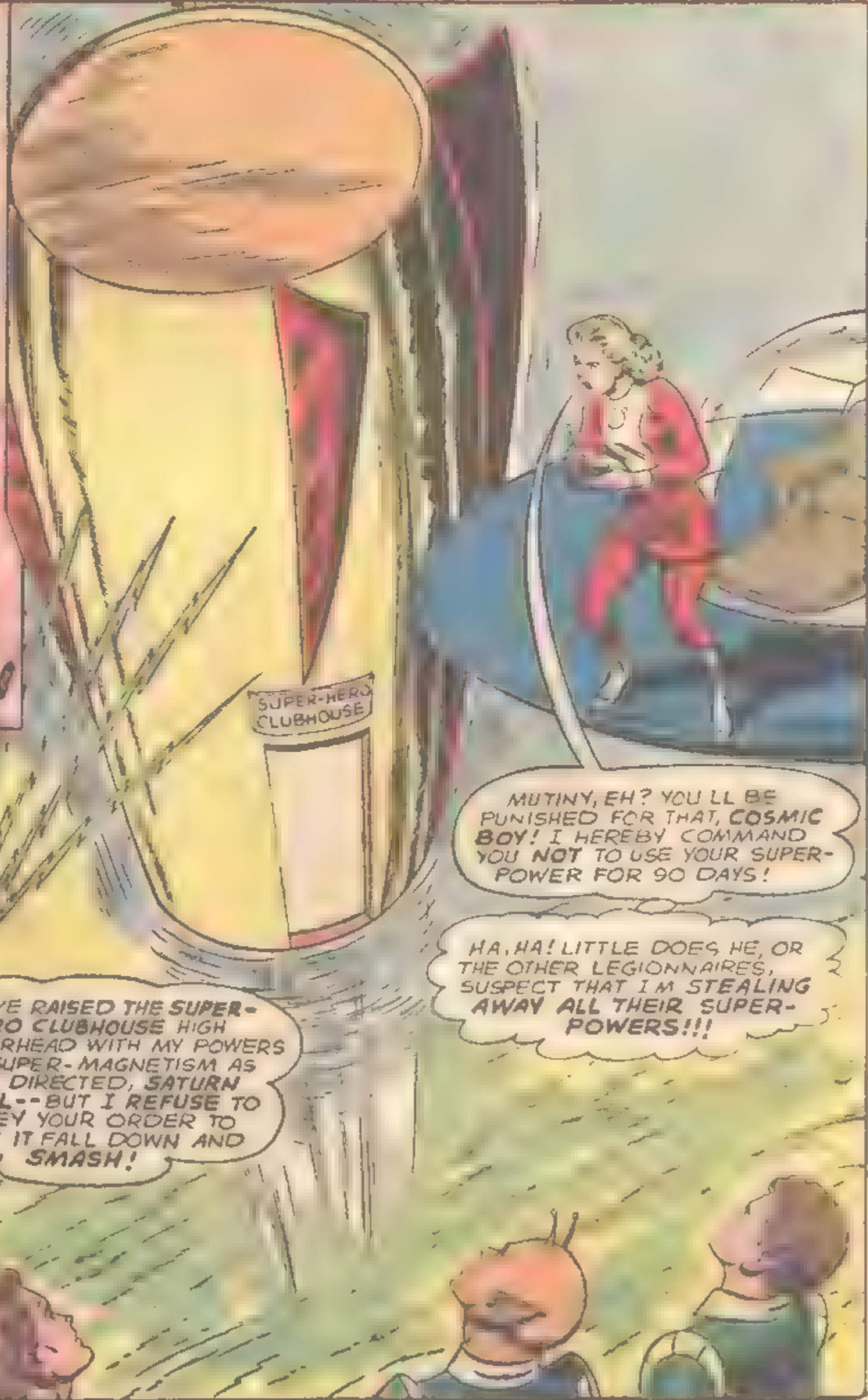


TALES OF THE

LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

SATURN GIRL HAS ALWAYS BEEN A VERY SWEET GIRL WHO HAPPENS TO BE GIFTED WITH SUPER THOUGHT-CASTING POWER. ONE DAY, HOWEVER, SHE TURNS INTO A STERN TYRANT AFTER HER FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES ELECT HER THEIR NEW LEADER. WHAT HAS CHANGED HER SO? AND WHY DOES SHE SECRETLY DUPLICATE, WITHIN HERSELF, HER FRIENDS' POWERS? HAS SHE JOINED UP WITH ONE OF THE EVILEST SPACE VILLAINS IN THE COSMOS IN AN ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE THE LEGION? YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWER IN THE AMAZING TALE OF...

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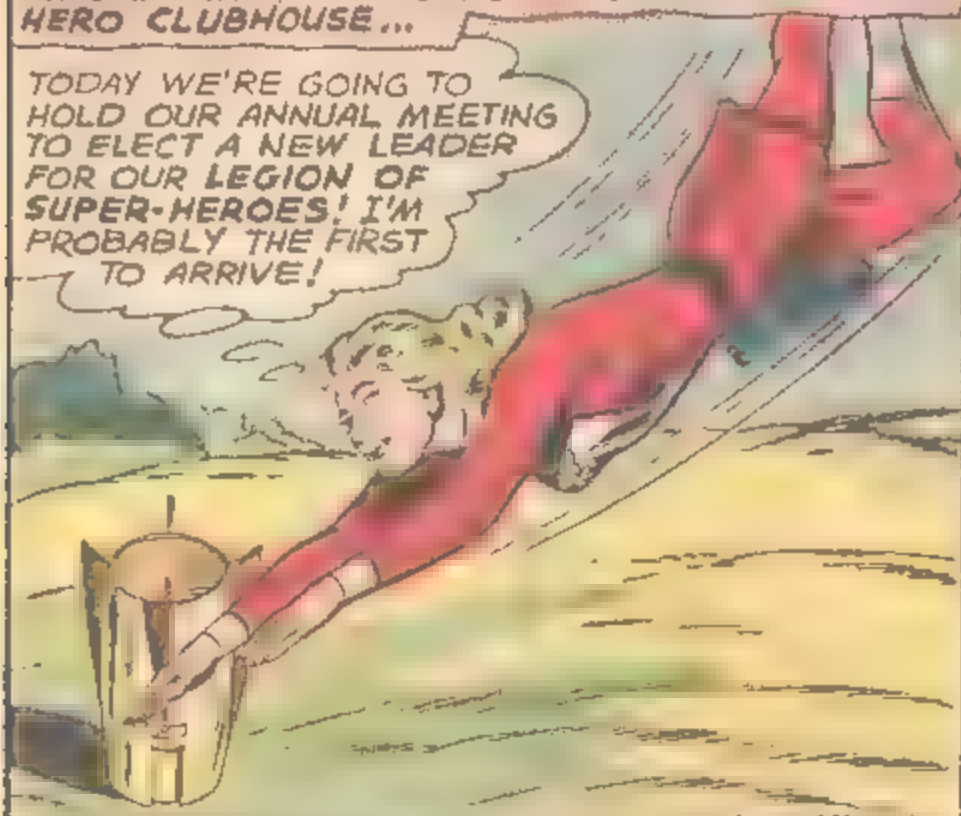
MUTINY, EH? YOU'LL BE PUNISHED FOR THAT, COSMIC BOY! I HEREBY COMMAND YOU **NOT** TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWER FOR 90 DAYS!

HA, HA! LITTLE DOES HE, OR THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES, SUSPECT THAT I'M STEALING AWAY ALL THEIR SUPER-POWERS!!!

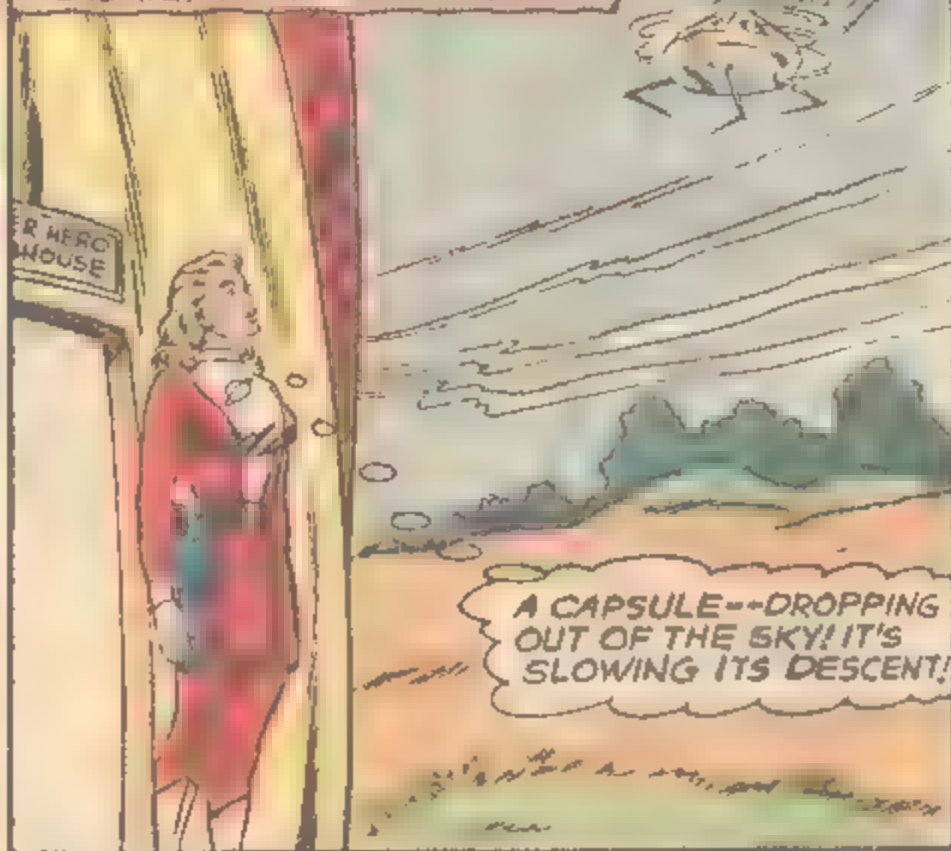
I'VE RAISED THE SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE HIGH OVERHEAD WITH MY POWERS OF SUPER-MAGNETISM AS YOU DIRECTED, SATURN GIRL--BUT I REFUSE TO OBEY YOUR ORDER TO LET IT FALL DOWN AND SMASH!

OUR STORY OPENS IN THE YEAR 2963, AS LEGIONNAIRE SATURN GIRL FLASHES DOWN TOWARD THE SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE...

TODAY WE'RE GOING TO HOLD OUR ANNUAL MEETING TO ELECT A NEW LEADER FOR OUR LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES! I'M PROBABLY THE FIRST TO ARRIVE!



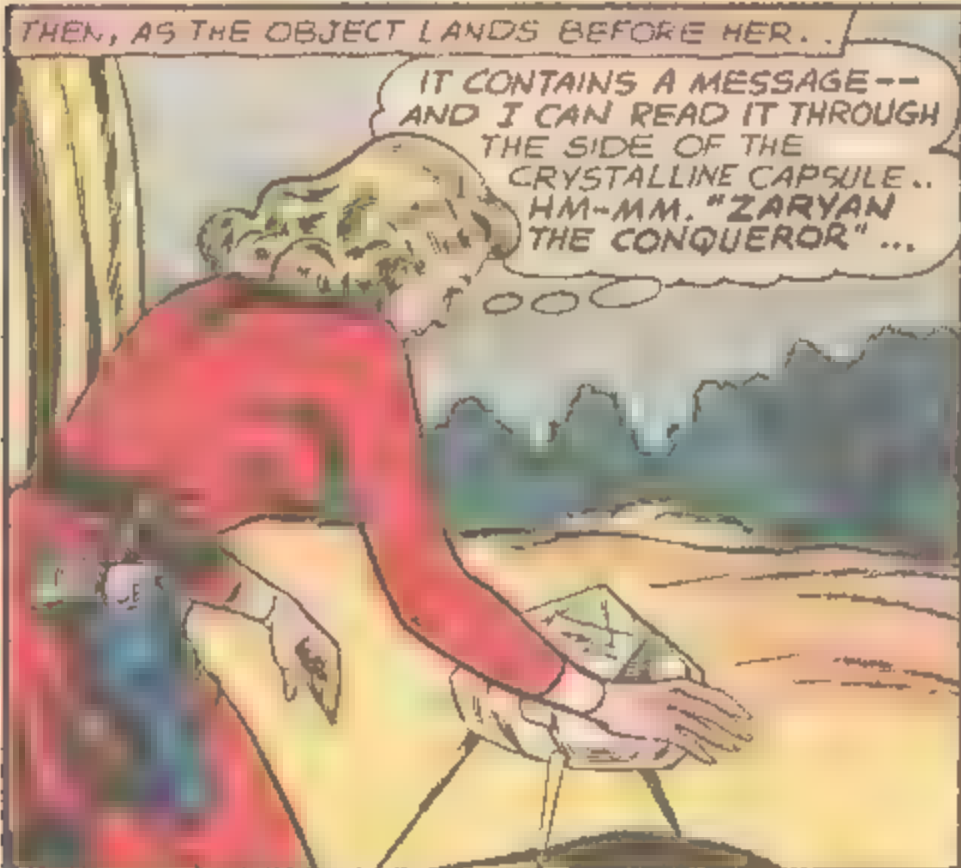
SHORTLY AFTER SHE ALIGHTS...



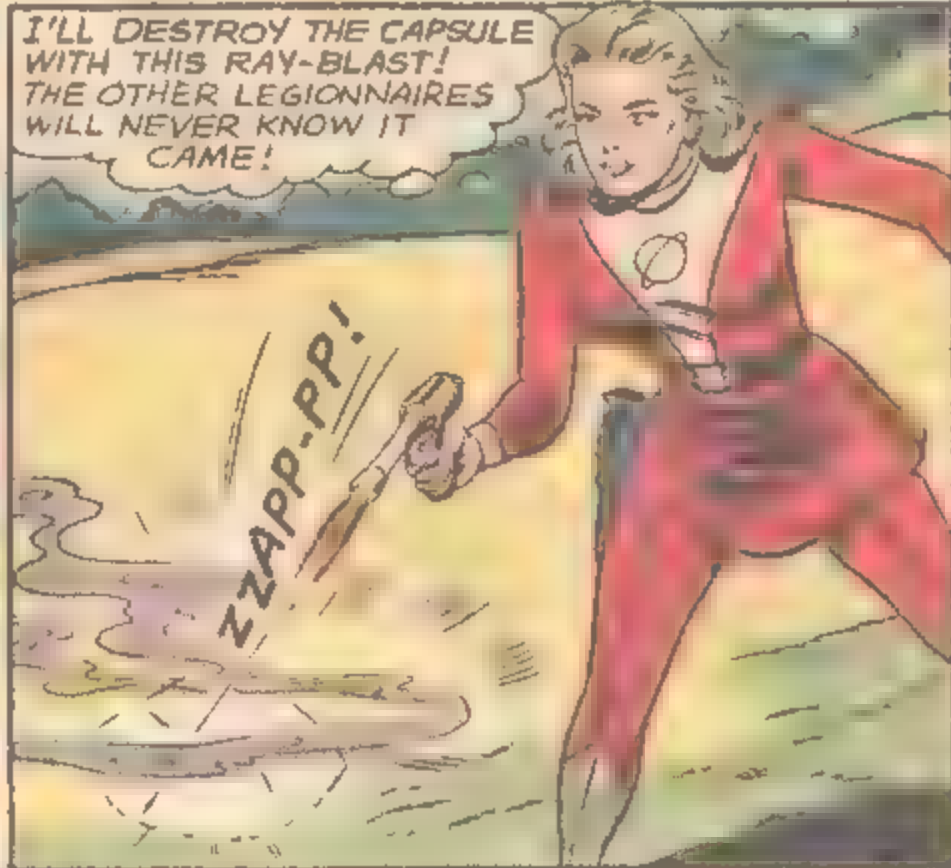
A CAPSULE--DROPPING OUT OF THE SKY! IT'S SLOWING ITS DESCENT!

THEN, AS THE OBJECT LANDS BEFORE HER...

IT CONTAINS A MESSAGE-- AND I CAN READ IT THROUGH THE SIDE OF THE CRYSTALLINE CAPSULE.. HM-MM. "ZARYAN THE CONQUEROR"...



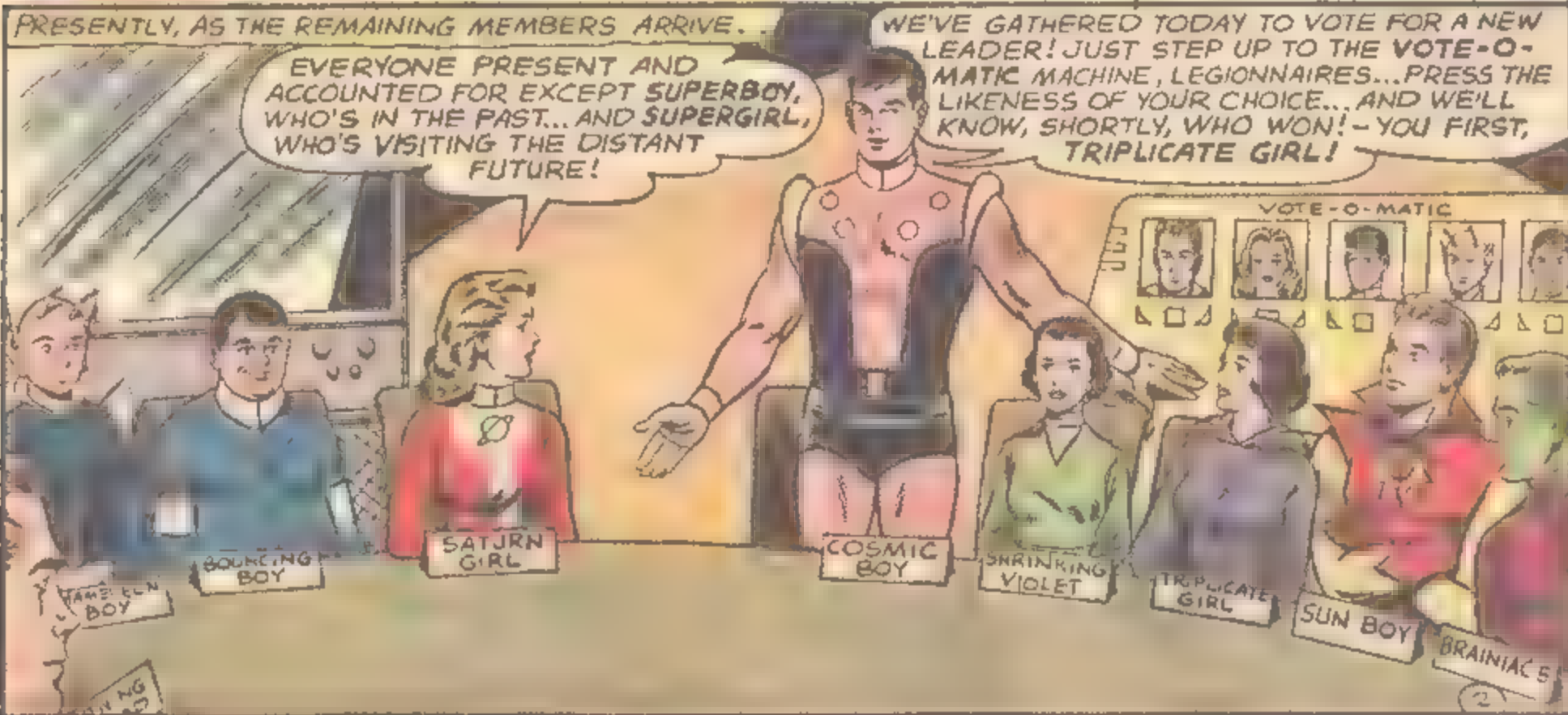
I'LL DESTROY THE CAPSULE WITH THIS RAY-BLAST! THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES WILL NEVER KNOW IT CAME!



PRESENTLY, AS THE REMAINING MEMBERS ARRIVE...

EVERYONE PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR EXCEPT SUPERBOY, WHO'S IN THE PAST... AND SUPERGIRL, WHO'S VISITING THE DISTANT FUTURE!

WE'VE GATHERED TODAY TO VOTE FOR A NEW LEADER! JUST STEP UP TO THE VOTE-O-MATIC MACHINE, LEGIONNAIRES... PRESS THE LIKENESS OF YOUR CHOICE... AND WE'LL KNOW, SHORTLY, WHO WON! -- YOU FIRST, TRIPLICATE GIRL!





CHUCKLE!...I COULD TRIPPLICATE MYSELF AND VOTE THREE TIMES... HA, HA!

I COULD MAKE MYSELF INVISIBLE --VOTE REPEATEDLY --AND NO ONE WOULD EVER KNOW, HA, HA!

CUT THE COMEDY, YOU CLOWNS... AND VOTE!

AFTER THE LAST LEGIONNAIRE REGISTERS HIS CHOICE... THERE ON THE WALL IS FLASHED THE PHOTO OF OUR NEW LEADER... SATURN GIRL!

SHE WON... UNANIMOUSLY! WHICH MEANS SHE VOTED FOR HERSELF! I'M SHOCKED! THAT'S AGAINST LEGION TRADITION!

ODD! I INTENDED TO VOTE FOR COSMIC BOY, YET I CHANGED MY MIND AT THE LAST INSTANT!

SO DID I!

HA!- NO WONDER SOME OF THEM LOOK PUZZLED! WHAT THEY DON'T REALIZE IS THAT I CHANGED THEIR MINDS WITH MY POWER OF SUPER THOUGHT-CASTING! I FORCED EVERYONE TO VOTE FOR ME!

THEY WERE POWERLESS TO RESIST MY MIGHTY MENTAL COMMANDS!

BE SEATED, EVERYONE! THE MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER! COLOSSAL BOY, YOU'RE OUR TREASURER! HAS OUR CLUB RECEIVED ANY REWARDS LATELY?

WE HAVE A SPECTRIUM "RAINBOW" BAR WORTH \$200,000! WE RECEIVED THIS RARE METAL AS A REWARD FOR DEFEATING THE HIRELINGS OF "ZARYAN THE CONQUEROR" WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO ROB THE SOLAR BANK!

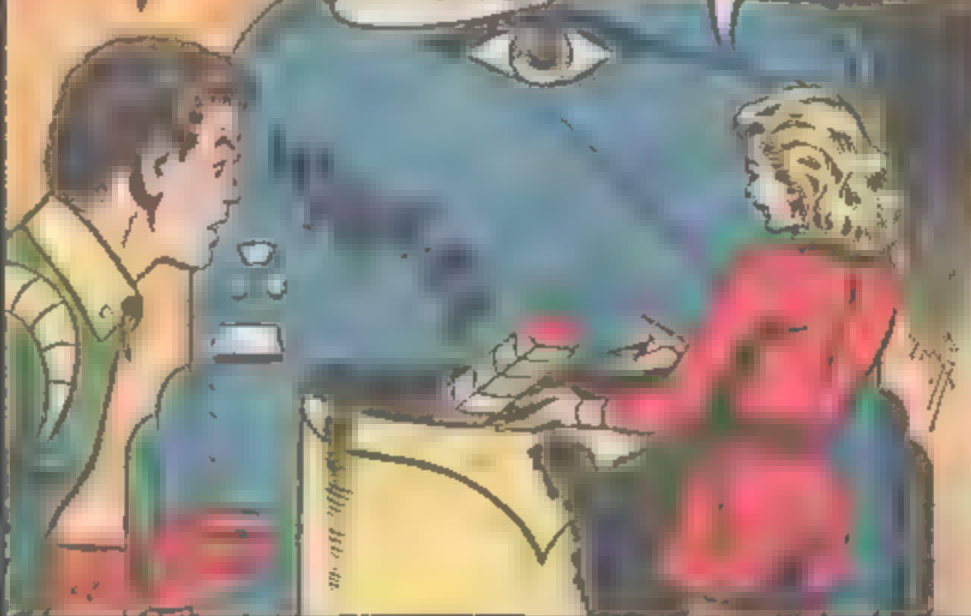
I'M MATTER-EATER LAD, A NEW MEMBER! WHO IS "ZARYAN THE CONQUEROR"??

HE IS AN INTERPLANETARY CRIMINAL FROM THE PLANET BROK. ONCE ZARYAN OFFERED THE LEGION A FABULOUS BRIBE NOT TO OPPOSE HIM, BUT WE REJECTED IT!

SECONDS LATER, AS SATURN GIRL SEIZES THE SPECTRIUM...

GREAT SCOTT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

TOSSING THE SPECTRIUM INTO THIS MEDALLION-MANUFACTURING MACHINE! THE MECHANISM'S PHOTO-EYE WILL TRANSFER MY IMAGE ONTO THE PRODUCT IT WILL CREATE WITHIN SECONDS!



SEVERAL MOMENTS AFTERWARD...

SEE? MY PICTURE IS ENGRAVED ON THESE MEDALLIONS THE MACHINE FASHIONED OUT OF THE SPECTRIUM... LEGIONNAIRES, FROM NOW ON ALL OF US WILL WEAR THESE!

OUR TREASURY... SQUANDERED! \$200,000-- TO FEED YOUR EGO! I PROTEST!

HA, HA! IF ONLY THEY KNEW WHY I WANT THEM TO WEAR IT!

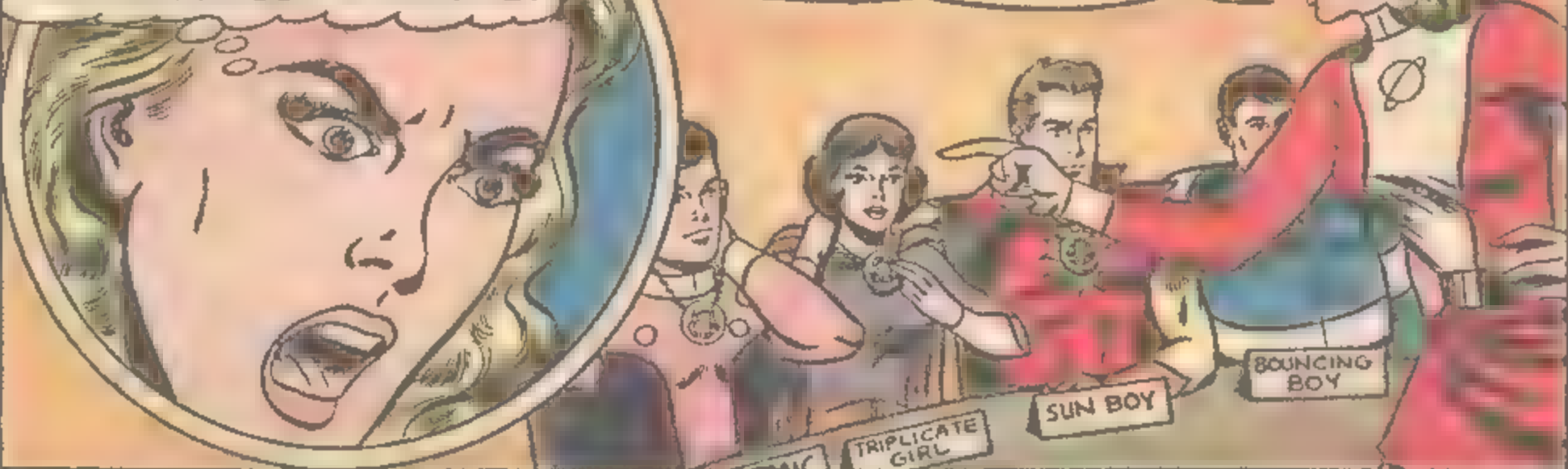
ME, TOO!



SILENCE!!! ACCORDING TO THE LEGION'S CONSTITUTION, SECTION Y3B1, "THE LEADER CAN USE THE TREASURY AS HE, OR SHE, SEES FIT!"-- PUT THE MEDALLIONS ON!!

HA, HA! I'VE GOT THEM WHERE I WANT THEM! THEY'VE GOT TO OBEY ME!

LISTEN TO ME, LEGIONNAIRES! THE LEGION HAS BEEN RUN INEFFICIENTLY, BUT NOW THAT I'M BOSS, THAT'S ALL CHANGED! I DEMAND THE BEST FROM YOU! I'M GOING TO TEST EACH LEGIONNAIRE! WHOEVER DOESN'T USE HIS POWERS EFFECTIVELY, WILL BE PUNISHED SEVERELY!



SOON, EN ROUTE TO THE LEGION'S TESTING GROUNDS...

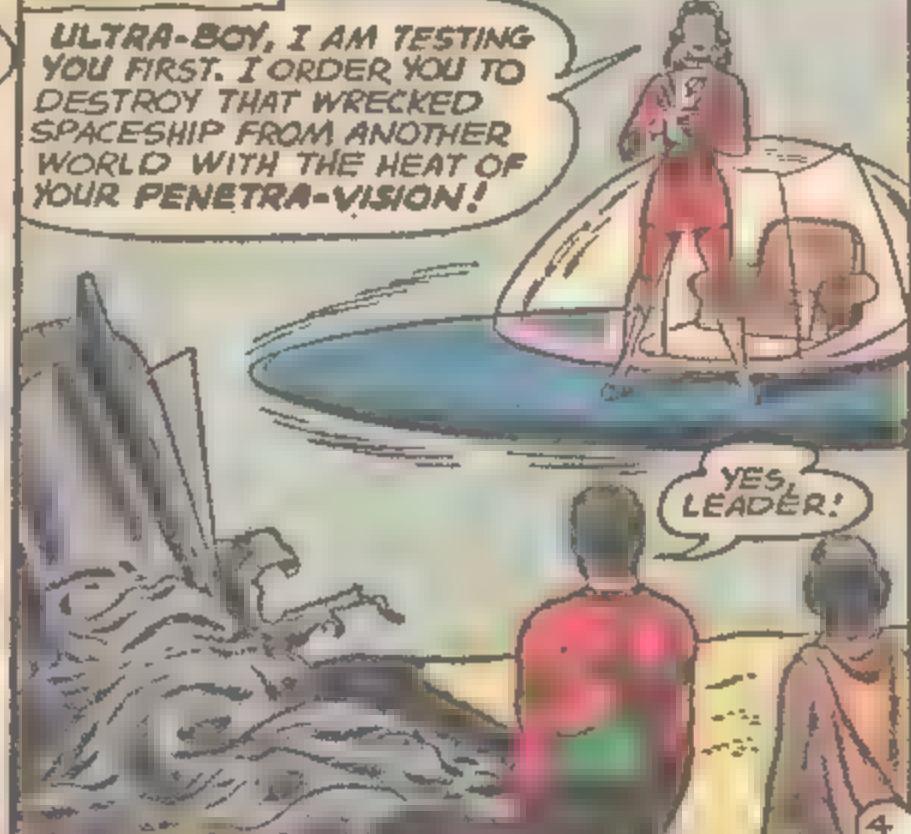
GOODNESS, I NEVER DREAMED SATURN GIRL WOULD TURN INTO SUCH A STERN TYRANT, ULTRA-BOY! IT'S SO UNLIKE HER!

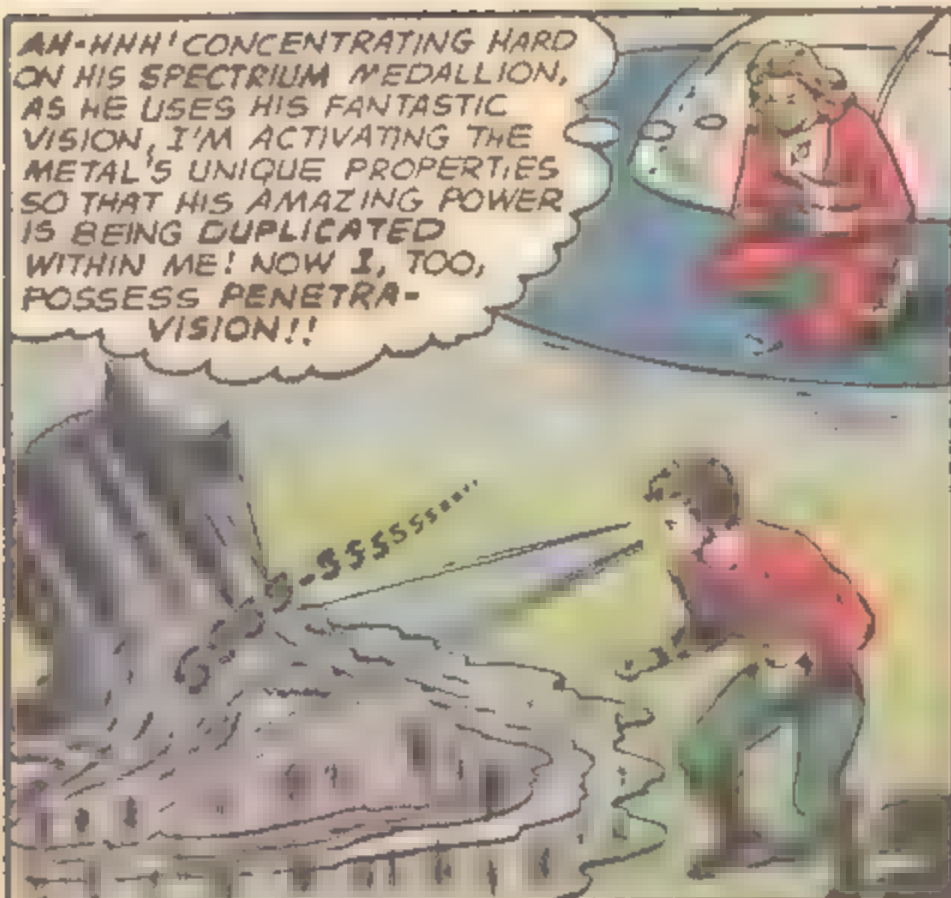
CAREFUL WHAT YOU THINK, TRIPPLICATE GIRL! REMEMBER, SHE CAN READ MINDS!!



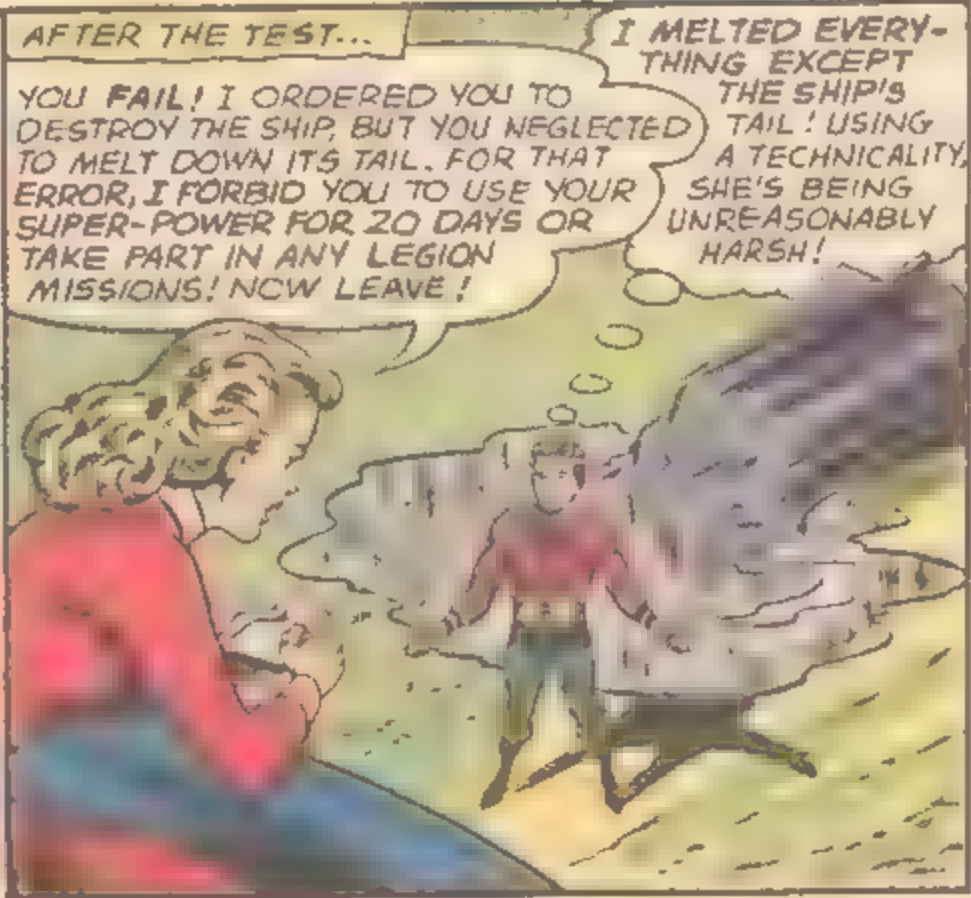
SHORTLY...

ULTRA-BOY, I AM TESTING YOU FIRST. I ORDER YOU TO DESTROY THAT WRECKED SPACESHIP FROM ANOTHER WORLD WITH THE HEAT OF YOUR PENETRA-VISION!

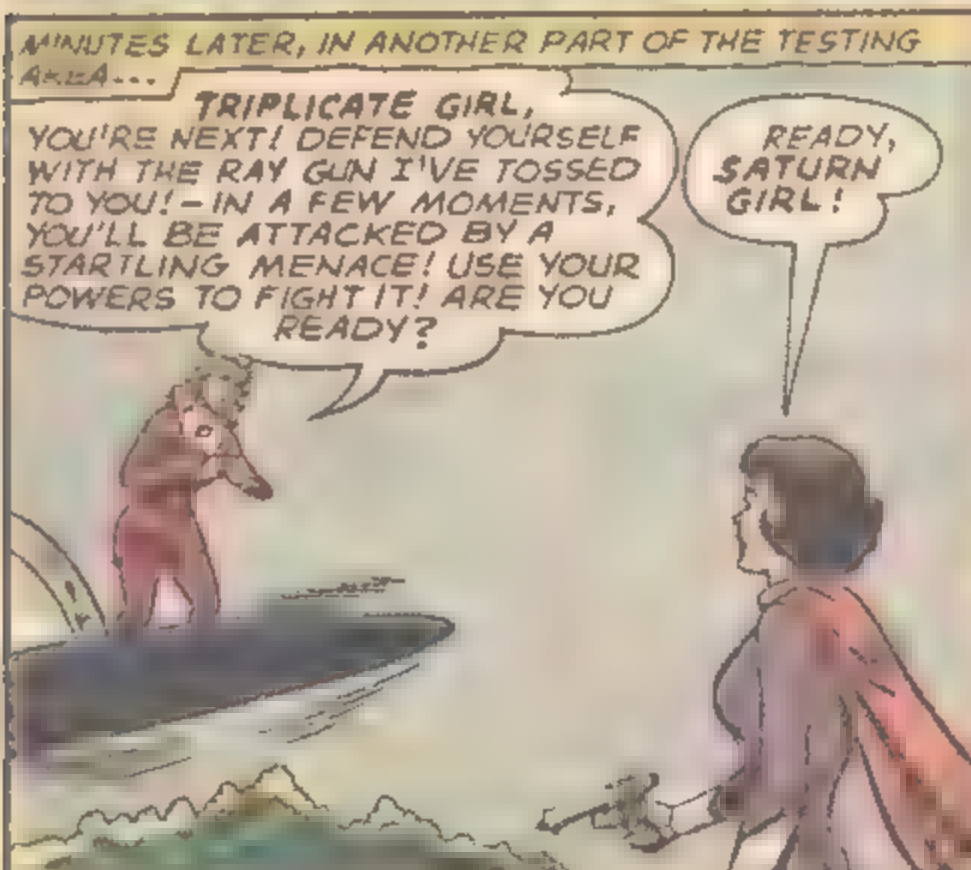




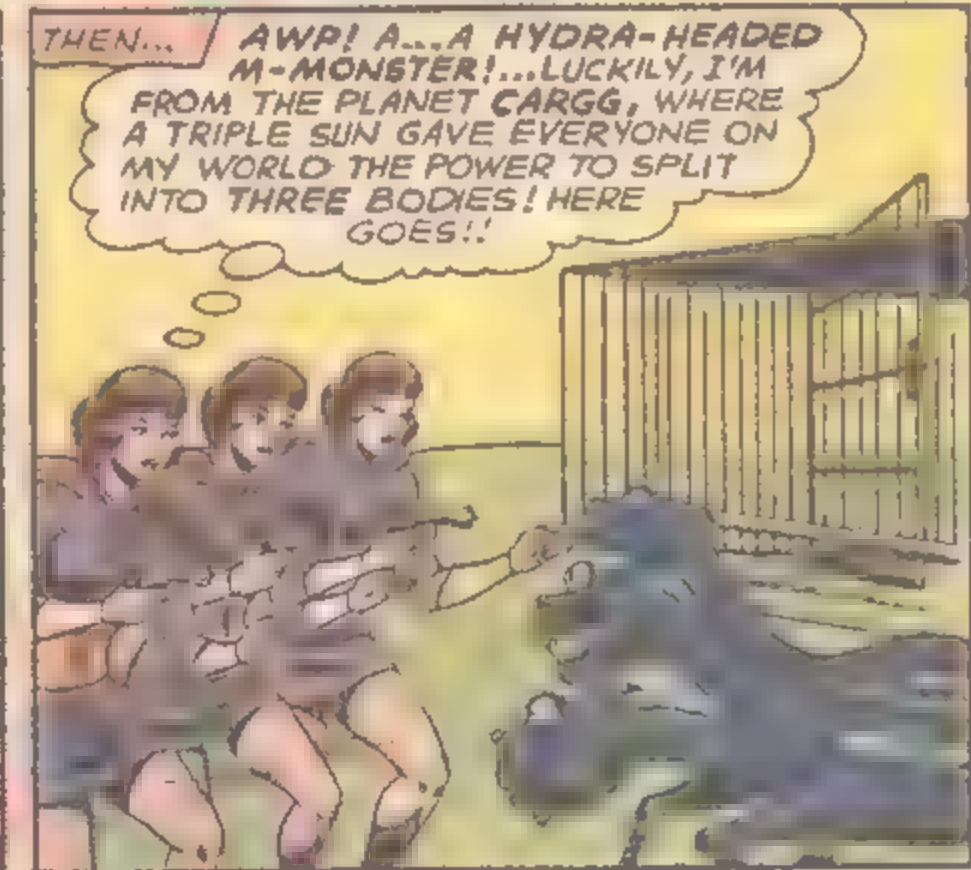
AN-HHH! CONCENTRATING HARD ON HIS SPECTRIUM MEDALLION, AS HE USES HIS FANTASTIC VISION, I'M ACTIVATING THE METAL'S UNIQUE PROPERTIES SO THAT HIS AMAZING POWER IS BEING DUPLICATED WITHIN ME! NOW I, TOO, POSSESS PENETRA-VISION!!



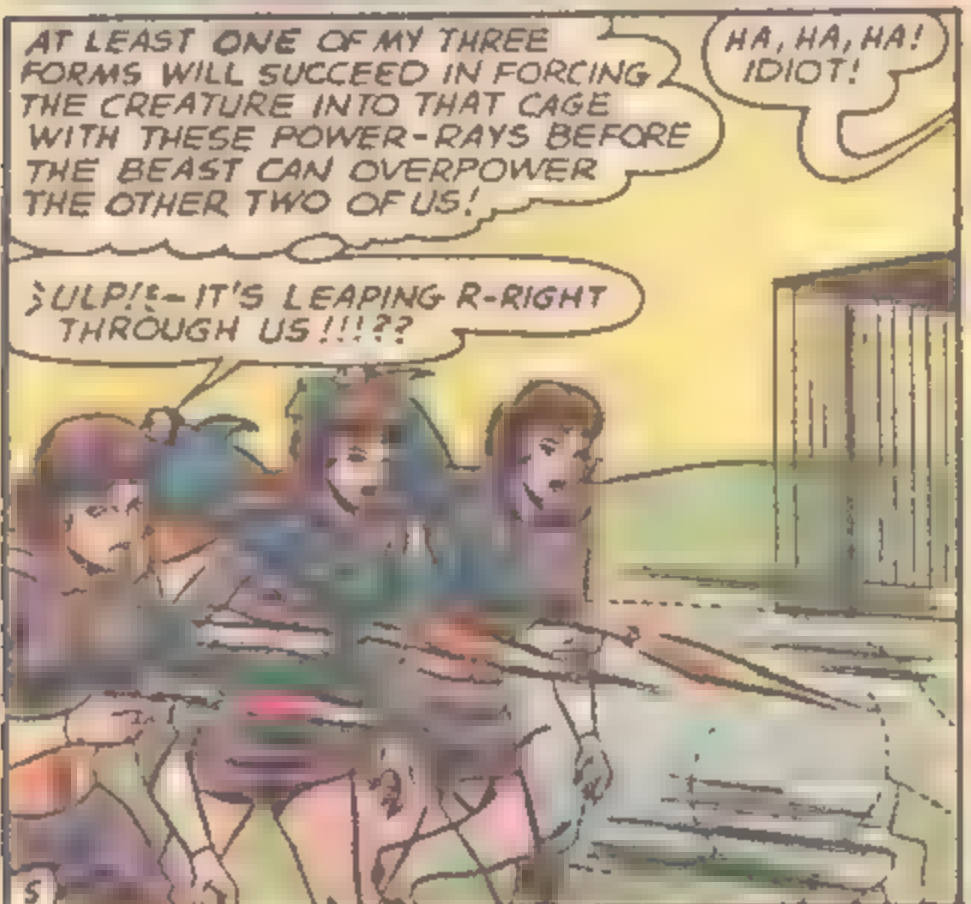
AFTER THE TEST...
I MELTED EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE SHIP'S TAIL! USING A TECHNICALITY, SHE'S BEING UNREASONABLY HARSH!
YOU FAIL! I ORDERED YOU TO DESTROY THE SHIP, BUT YOU NEGLECTED TO MELT DOWN ITS TAIL. FOR THAT ERROR, I FORBID YOU TO USE YOUR SUPER-POWER FOR 20 DAYS OR TAKE PART IN ANY LEGION MISSIONS! NOW LEAVE!



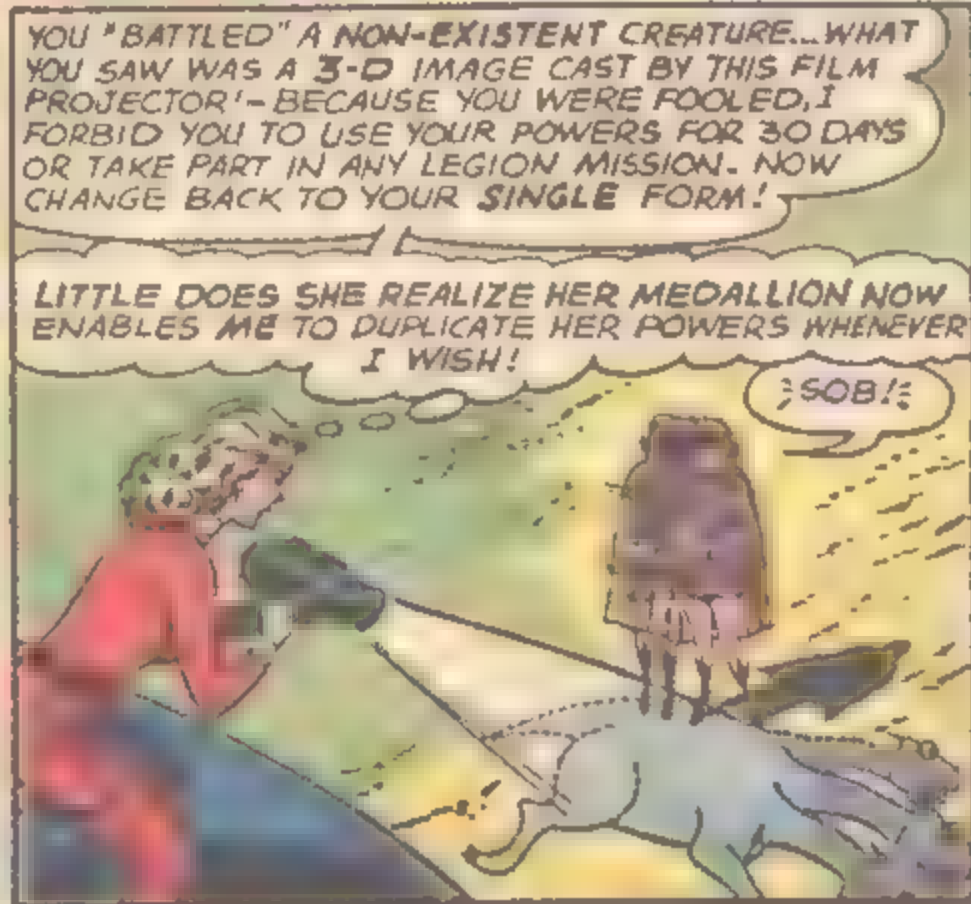
MINUTES LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE TESTING AREA...
TRIPPLICATE GIRL, YOU'RE NEXT! DEFEND YOURSELF WITH THE RAY GUN I'VE TOSSED TO YOU! - IN A FEW MOMENTS, YOU'LL BE ATTACKED BY A STARTLING MENACE! USE YOUR POWERS TO FIGHT IT! ARE YOU READY?
READY, SATURN GIRL!



THEN...
AWP! A...A HYDRA-HEADED M-MONSTER!...LUCKILY, I'M FROM THE PLANET CARGG, WHERE A TRIPLE SUN GAVE EVERYONE ON MY WORLD THE POWER TO SPLIT INTO THREE BODIES! HERE GOES!!



AT LEAST ONE OF MY THREE FORMS WILL SUCCEED IN FORCING THE CREATURE INTO THAT CAGE WITH THESE POWER-RAYS BEFORE THE BEAST CAN OVERPOWER THE OTHER TWO OF US!
HA, HA, HA! IDIOT!



YOU "BATTLED" A NON-EXISTENT CREATURE...WHAT YOU SAW WAS A 3-D IMAGE CAST BY THIS FILM PROJECTOR! - BECAUSE YOU WERE FOOLED, I FORBID YOU TO USE YOUR POWERS FOR 30 DAYS OR TAKE PART IN ANY LEGION MISSION. NOW CHANGE BACK TO YOUR SINGLE FORM!
LITTLE DOES SHE REALIZE HER MEDALLION NOW ENABLES ME TO DUPLICATE HER POWERS WHENEVER I WISH!
SOB!!

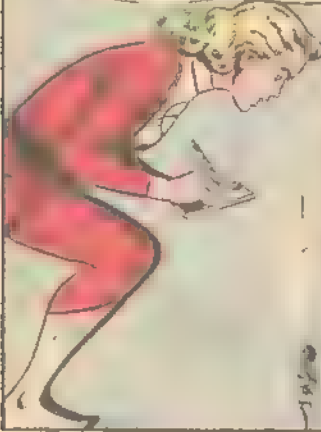


ADVENTURE COMICS



THEN, AS OTHER LEGIONNAIRES ARE GIVEN TESTS...

NOT SMALL ENOUGH, SHRINKING VIOLET! I FORBID YOU TO USE YOUR SHRINKING POWER, FOR 90 DAYS!



NOT BIG ENOUGH, COLOSSAL BOY! I "GROUND" YOU FOR 120 DAYS!

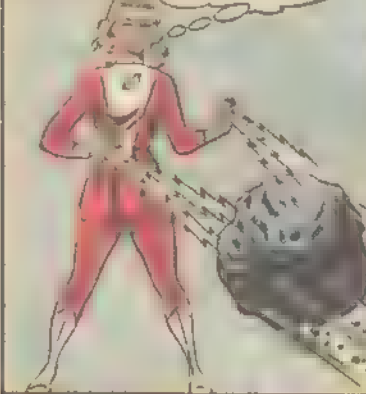


I WANTED YOU TO SPLIT A MOUNTAIN, NOT A MERE BOULDER. AS PUNISHMENT, YOU'RE NOT TO USE YOUR LIGHTNING POWER FOR A MONTH, LIGHTNING LAD!



AFTER SHE IS ALONE...

MY TRICK WORKED! HA, HA! WILLING MYSELF TO COLOSSAL SIZE, I CAN TRIPPLICATE MYSELF, EXERT SUPER-MAGNETIC, COSMIC POWER...



... SHINE WITH THE BRILLIANCE OF THE SUN...



... LAUNCH LIGHTNING BOLTS, ETC. - I CAN DUPLICATE THE POWERS OF ALL THE LEGIONNAIRES EXCEPT SUPERBOY AND SUPERGIRL, WHO ARE IN DIFFERENT TIME-ERAS!!



LATER, CHANGING BACK TO HER NORMAL FORM, SATURN GIRL REJOINS HER COMPANIONS...

I'M ASHAMED OF ALL OF YOU!

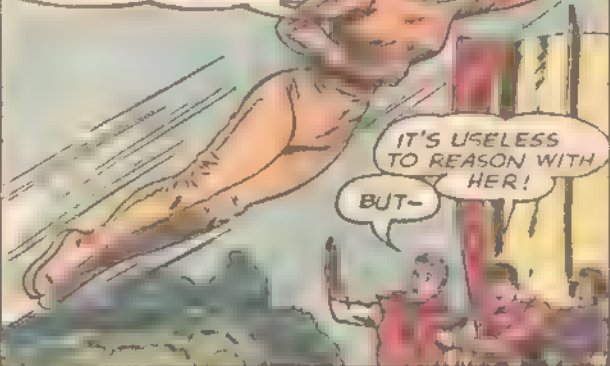


COMMANDER LORING OF WORLD-WIDE POLICE SPEAKING! WE'VE LEARNED ZARYAN IS IN OUTER SPACE, PREPARING TO ATTACK EARTH! STOP HIM, LEGION!



QUICKLY DONNING AN ANTI-GRAVITY SPACE SUIT, SATURN GIRL STREAKS UPWARD...

DISGRACEFUL! BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL GROUNDED, I'LL HAVE TO HANDLE THIS EMERGENCY MYSELF! - IF ANYONE DARES FOLLOW, I'LL EXPEL HIM FROM THE LEGION!



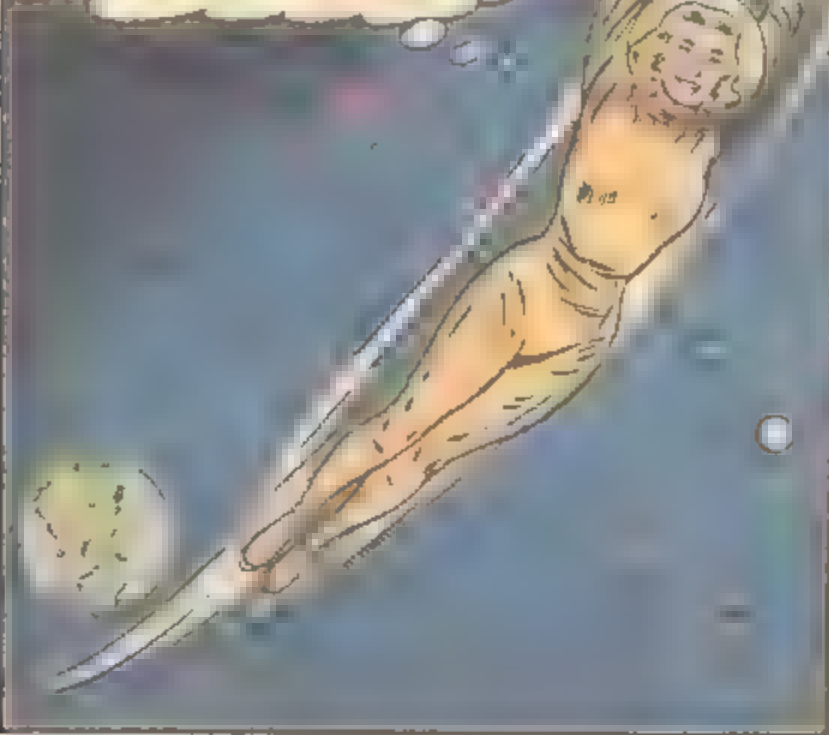
IT'S USELESS TO REASON WITH HER! BUT-



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EVERYTHING'S WORKED OUT PERFECTLY! I'M GOING TO MEET ZARYAN-- AND I NOW POSSESS THE STOLEN POWERS OF ALL THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES, JUST AS I PLANNED!

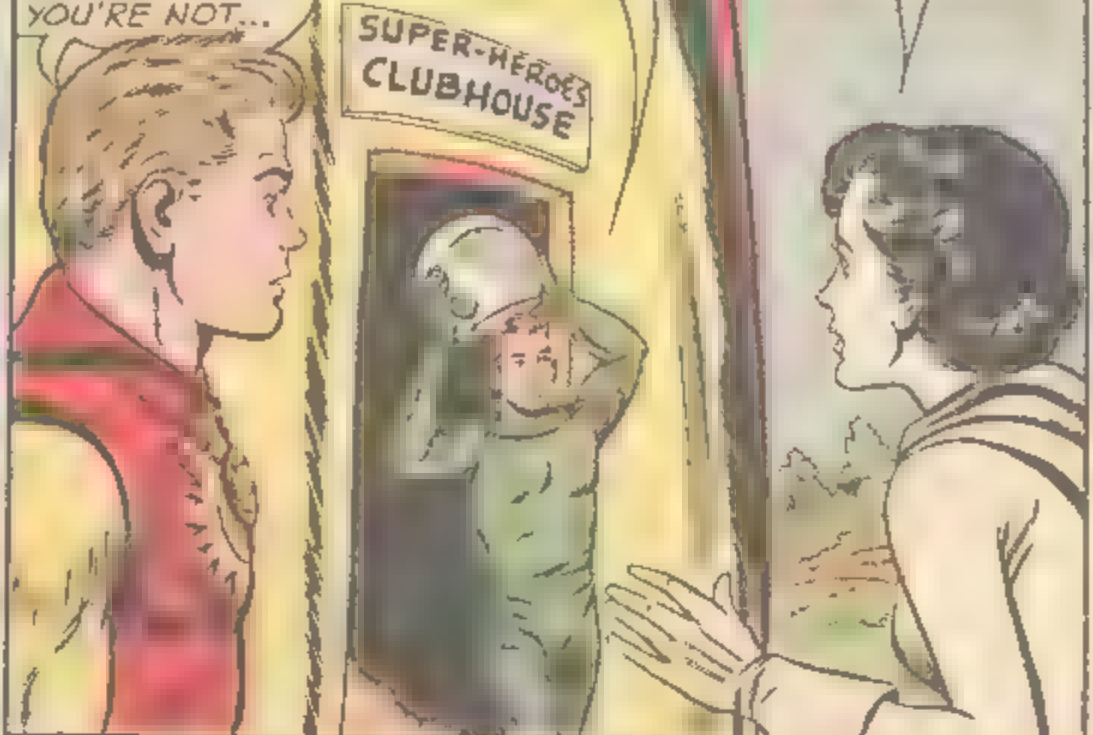


MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE CLUBHOUSE...

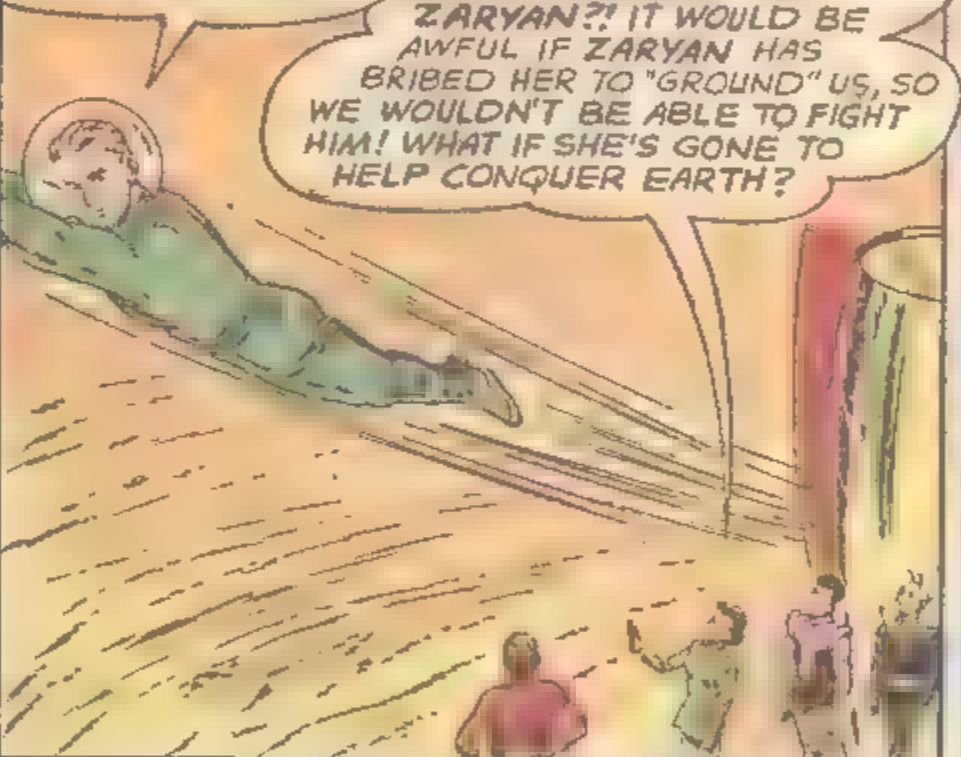
LIGHTNING LAD! YOU'VE PUT ON A SPACE SUIT! YOU'RE NOT...

I'M GOING AFTER SATURN GIRL!

DON'T! SHE'LL BE FURIOUS IF YOU DEFY HER ORDERS!



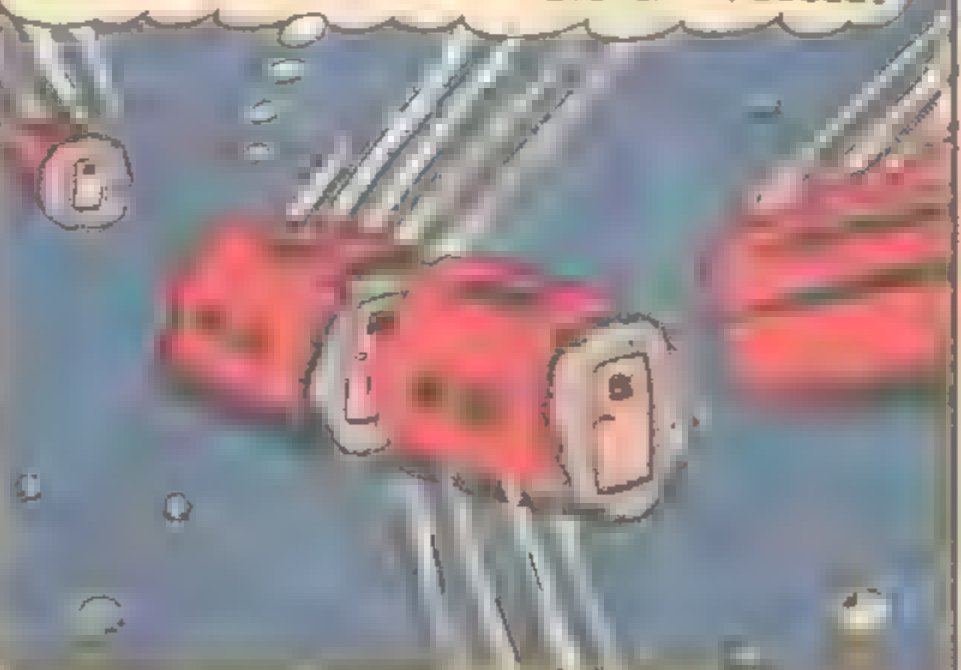
I DON'T CARE! I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING IMPORTANT!



GREAT SCOTT! IS IT POSSIBLE HE'S FOUND OUT THAT SATURN GIRL IS IN LEAGUE WITH ZARYAN?! IT WOULD BE AWFUL IF ZARYAN HAS BRIBED HER TO "GROUND" US, SO WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT HIM! WHAT IF SHE'S GONE TO HELP CONQUER EARTH?

MEANWHILE, FAR OUT IN SPACE, ZARYAN GLOATS...

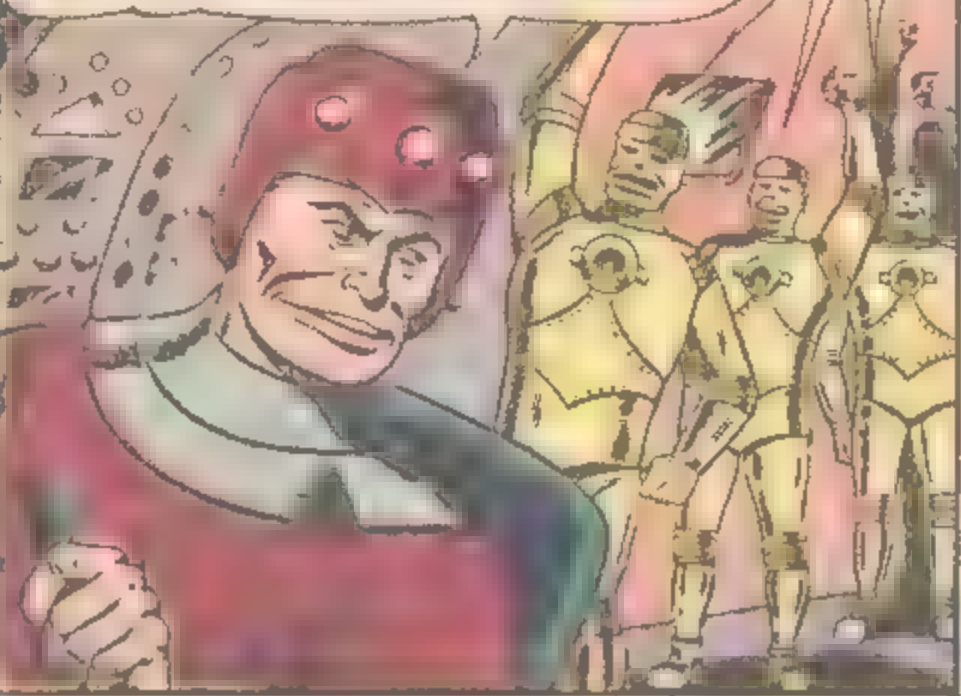
HA, HA! AS PRE-ARRANGED BY ME, SECTIONS OF MY INVASION SHIP, WHICH WERE HIDDEN ON DIFFERENT WORLDS, ARE ASSEMBLING AT THIS SECTOR, LIKE PIECES OF A JIG-SAW PUZZLE!



MINUTES LATER, INSIDE THE CRAFT...

THE SHIP, "MANNED" BY WARRIOR ROBOTS, IS NOW JOINED TOGETHER COMPLETELY!

THE ATTACK BEGINS! ON TO EARTH!!



ON TO EARTH! DESTROY!

NEARING THE INVASION VESSEL, SATURN GIRL SHOUTS THROUGH HER SPACE INTER-COM AS SHE SIGHTS...

LIGHTNING LAD! HOW DARE YOU DISOBEY MY ORDERS TO LET ME HANDLE THIS ALONE? RETURN TO EARTH, AT ONCE!

I WON'T!

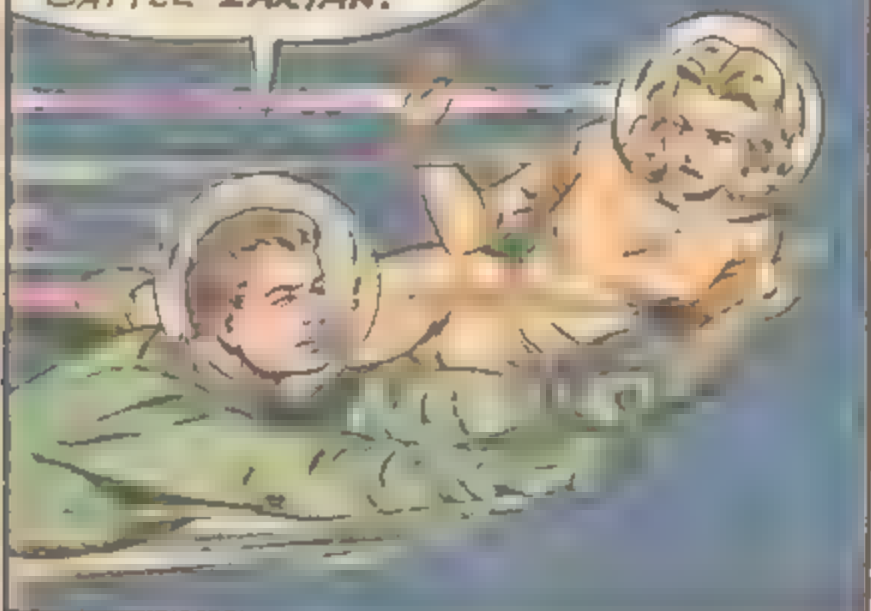


I'VE LEARNED YOU MADE US WEAR THOSE SPECTRUM MEDALLIONS SO THAT YOU COULD DUPLICATE EVERY LEGIONNAIRE'S POWER... AND WHAT'S MORE, I KNOW WHY YOU DID IT!... I'M GOING TO HELP YOU BATTLE ZARYAN!

NO, NO! YOU MUST GO BACK! PLEASE DO AS I SAY!

I REFUSE! YOU'RE A NOBLE GIRL AND A GREAT LEGIONNAIRE! BUT I WON'T LET YOU SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE FOR ME AND THE OTHERS!

CHOKE'S HIS ANTI-GRAVITY POWER-UNIT IS STRONGER THAN MINE! I CAN'T... OVERTAKE HIM!



MOMENTS AFTERWARD...

OH, NO! - LIGHTNING LAD DESTROYED THE INVASION CRAFT WITH LIGHTNING BOLTS, BUT AT THE SAME INSTANT HE WAS STRUCK BY A FREEZE-RAY FROM ZARYAN'S SHIP!

CAUGHT HIM!
I'LL FLY YOU BACK TO EARTH QUICKLY, LIGHTNING LAD! WITH PROPER MEDICAL TREATMENT, YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT...

STOP... KIDDING ME. I... KNOW I'M... DONE FOR PLEASE TAKE ME TO OUR CLUBHOUSE. DON'T DENY... MY DYING REQUEST...

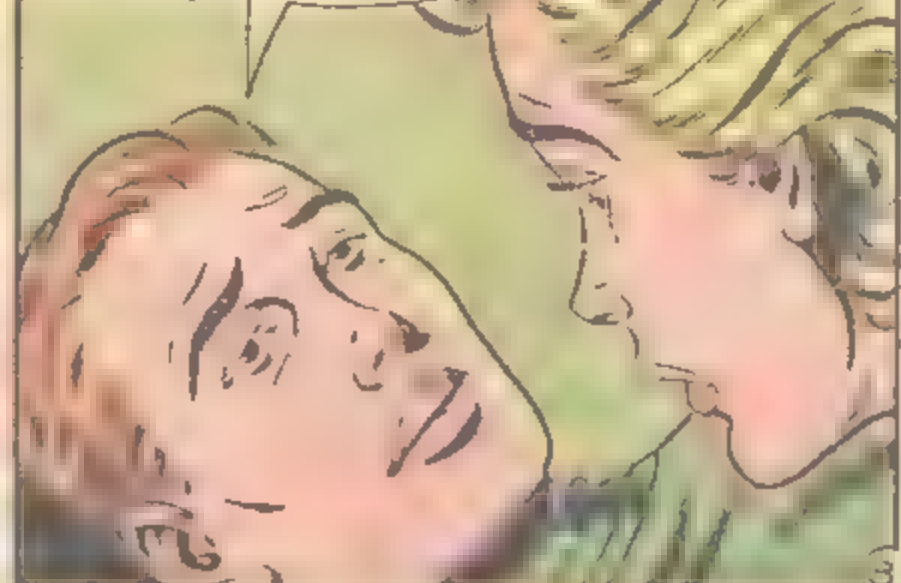


SOON, ON EARTH...
GASP!... YOU'RE NOT TELLING HOW I LEARNED YOUR SECRET, ARE YOU? - YOU FOOLED ALL THE LEGIONNAIRES... EXCEPT ONE! HE TOLD ME THE TRUTH!

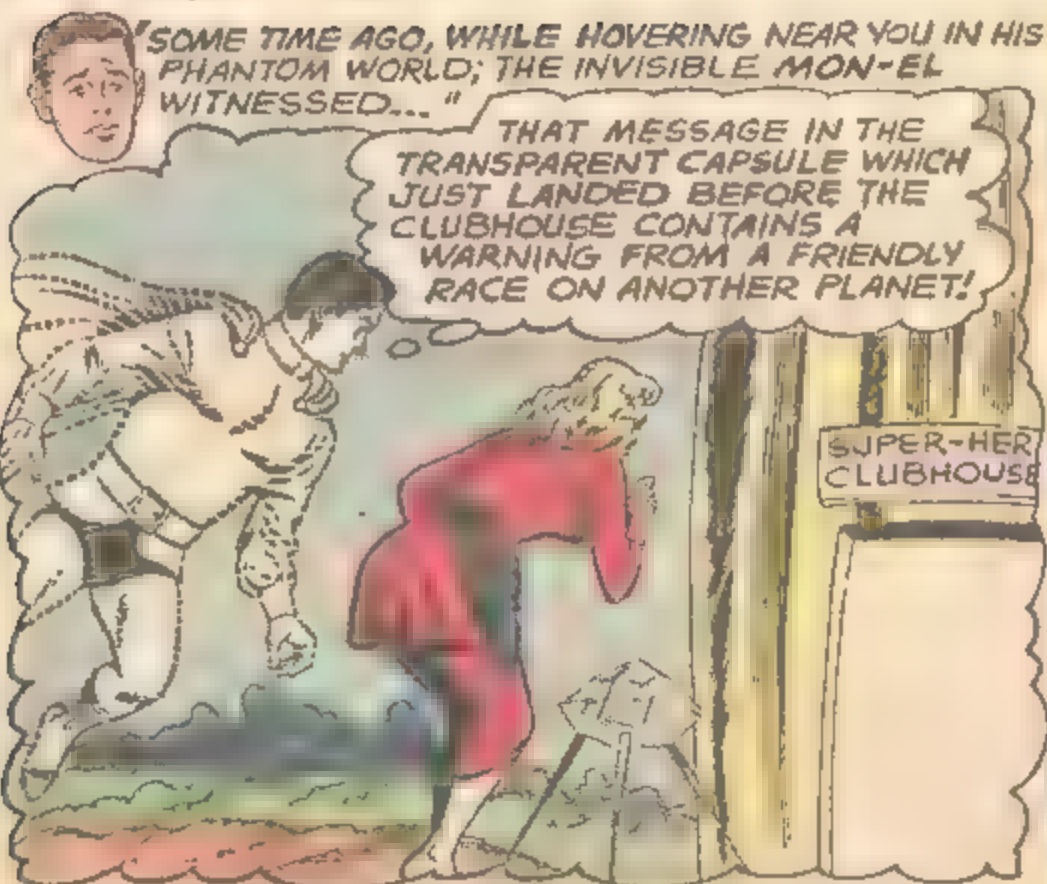
?? - I KNOW IT WASN'T SUPERBOY OR SUPERGIRL, AND I'M SURE I TRICKED ALL THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES! SO WHO WAS IT?

YOU FORGOT... LEGION MEMBER MON-EL... WHO INHABITS THE PHANTOM ZONE UNTIL WE CAN MAKE... A SERUM WHICH WILL PERMANENTLY CURE HIM OF HIS VULNERABILITY TO LEAD POISONING!

YOU'RE... RIGHT! I FORGOT THAT MON-EL WAS RECENTLY MADE A LEGIONNAIRE!

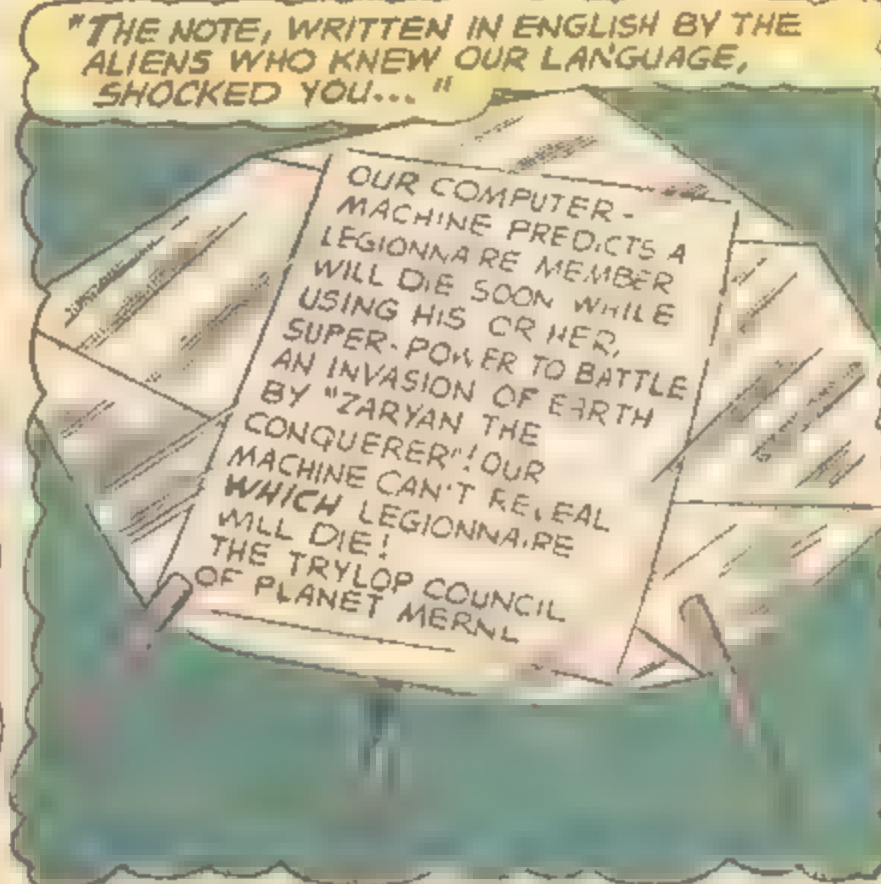


CAN YOU GUESS, READER?



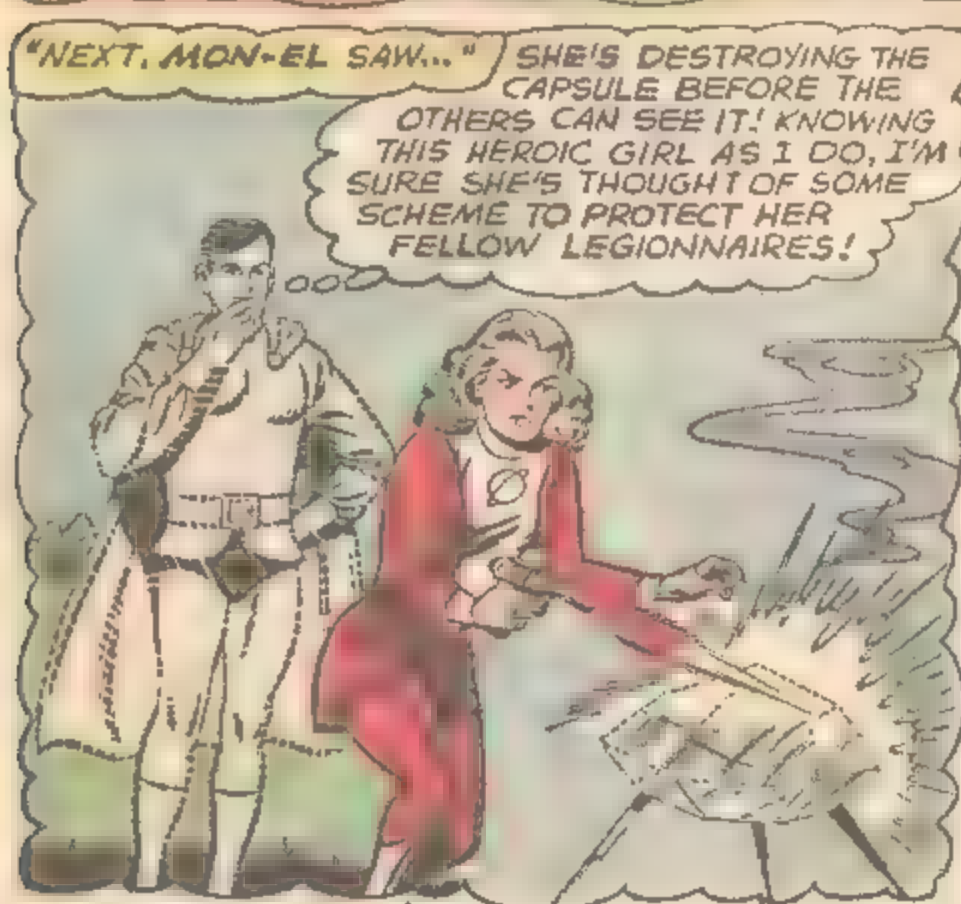
"SOME TIME AGO, WHILE HOVERING NEAR YOU IN HIS PHANTOM WORLD, THE INVISIBLE MON-EL WITNESSED..."

THAT MESSAGE IN THE TRANSPARENT CAPSULE WHICH JUST LANDED BEFORE THE CLUBHOUSE CONTAINS A WARNING FROM A FRIENDLY RACE ON ANOTHER PLANET!



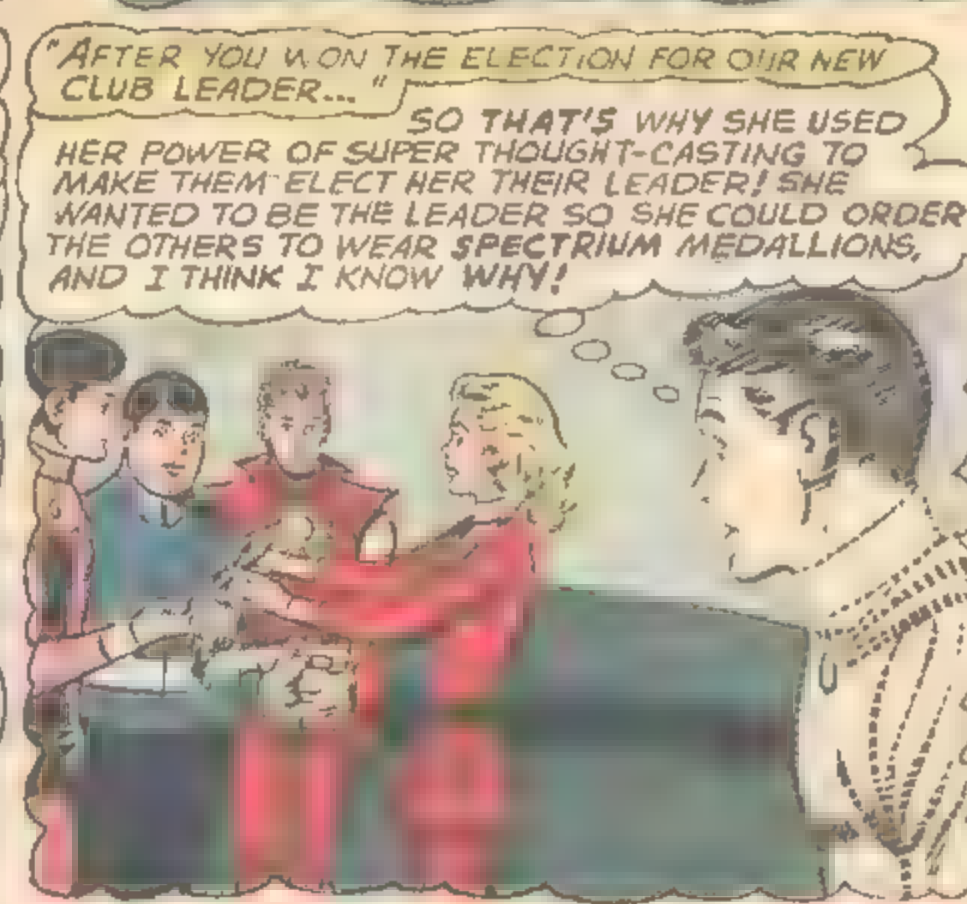
"THE NOTE, WRITTEN IN ENGLISH BY THE ALIENS WHO KNEW OUR LANGUAGE, SHOCKED YOU..."

OUR COMPUTER-MACHINE PREDICTS A LEGIONNAIRE MEMBER WILL DIE SOON WHILE USING HIS OR HER, SUPER-POWER TO BATTLE AN INVASION OF EARTH BY "ZARYAN THE CONQUERER"! OUR MACHINE CAN'T REVEAL WHICH LEGIONNAIRE WILL DIE! THE TRYLOP COUNCIL OF PLANET MERNL



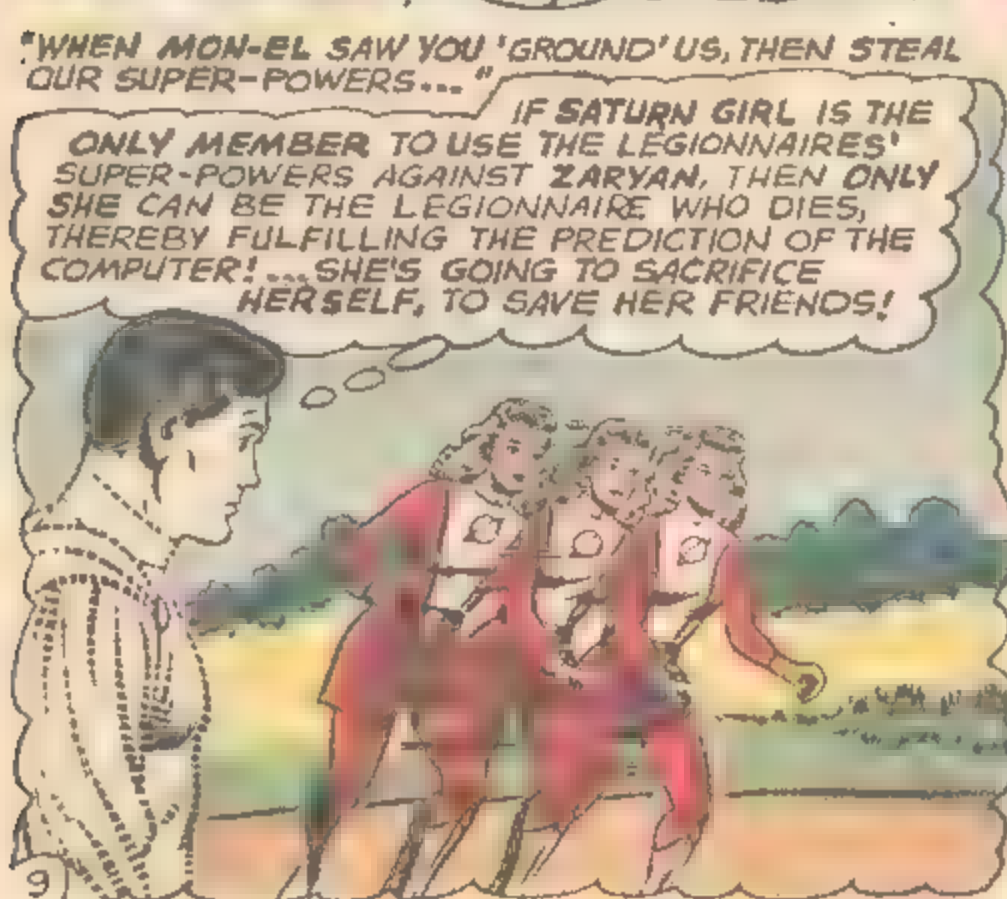
"NEXT, MON-EL SAW..."

SHE'S DESTROYING THE CAPSULE BEFORE THE OTHERS CAN SEE IT! KNOWING THIS HEROIC GIRL AS I DO, I'M SURE SHE'S THOUGHT OF SOME SCHEME TO PROTECT HER FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES!



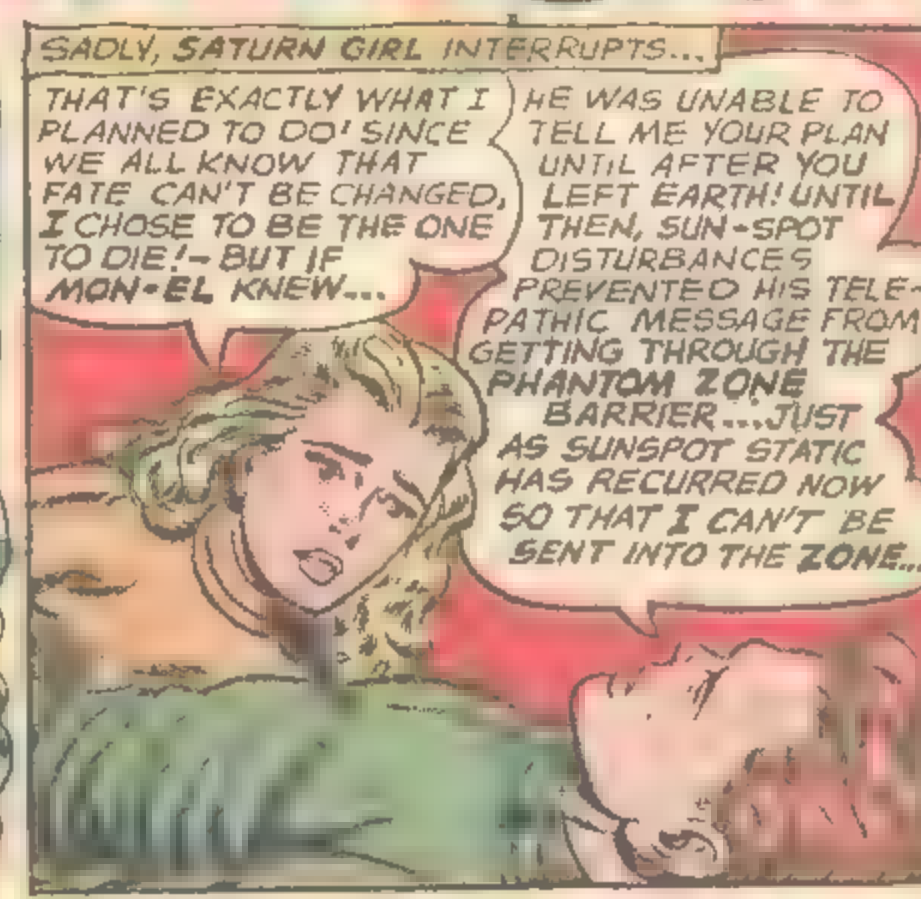
"AFTER YOU WON THE ELECTION FOR OUR NEW CLUB LEADER..."

SO THAT'S WHY SHE USED HER POWER OF SUPER THOUGHT-CASTING TO MAKE THEM ELECT HER THEIR LEADER! SHE WANTED TO BE THE LEADER SO SHE COULD ORDER THE OTHERS TO WEAR SPECTRIUM MEDALLIONS, AND I THINK I KNOW WHY!



"WHEN MON-EL SAW YOU 'GROUND' US, THEN STEAL OUR SUPER-POWERS..."

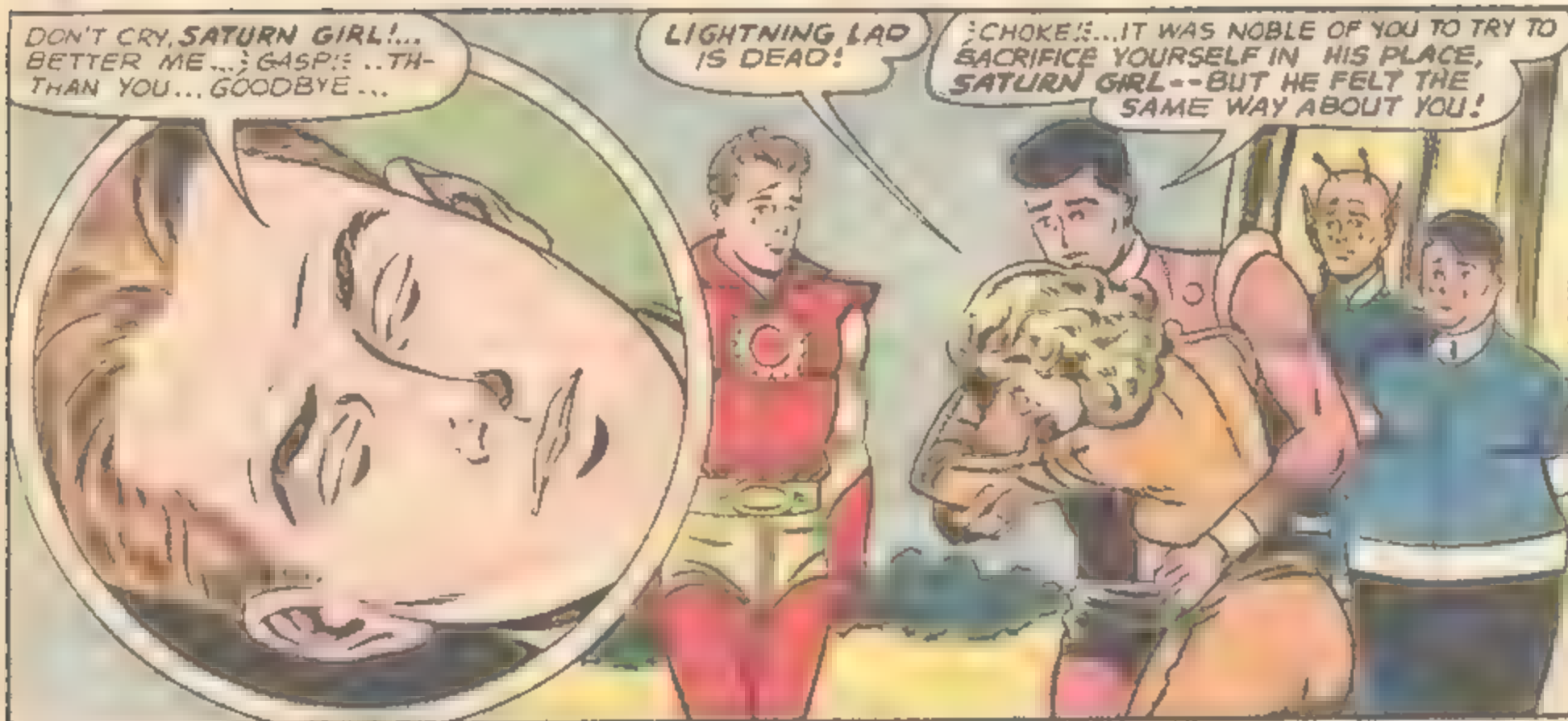
IF SATURN GIRL IS THE ONLY MEMBER TO USE THE LEGIONNAIRES' SUPER-POWERS AGAINST ZARYAN, THEN ONLY SHE CAN BE THE LEGIONNAIRE WHO DIES, THEREBY FULFILLING THE PREDICTION OF THE COMPUTER!... SHE'S GOING TO SACRIFICE HERSELF, TO SAVE HER FRIENDS!



SADLY, SATURN GIRL INTERRUPTS...

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I PLANNED TO DO! SINCE WE ALL KNOW THAT FATE CAN'T BE CHANGED, I CHOSE TO BE THE ONE TO DIE! - BUT IF MON-EL KNEW...

HE WAS UNABLE TO TELL ME YOUR PLAN UNTIL AFTER YOU LEFT EARTH! UNTIL THEN, SUN-SPOT DISTURBANCES PREVENTED HIS TELEPATHIC MESSAGE FROM GETTING THROUGH THE PHANTOM ZONE BARRIER... JUST AS SUNSPOT STATIC HAS RECURRED NOW SO THAT I CAN'T BE SENT INTO THE ZONE...



SHORTLY, AS SUPERBOY, SUMMONED FROM THE PAST, FLIES THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER TO THE 30TH CENTURY...

I'M STUNNED. BY THE TRAGIC NEWS!... MON-EL, YOU'VE BEEN MATERIALIZED OUT OF THE PHANTOM ZONE!

YES. THEY BROUGHT ME OUT WITH A RAY PROJECTOR AND GAVE ME SOME "XY-4 SERUM" TO SWALLOW! THE SERUM WILL GIVE ME TEMPORARY PROTECTION FROM LEAD POISONING WHILE I ATTEND THE FUNERAL...



THEN, AS ANOTHER LEGION MEMBER ARRIVES FROM OUT OF THE PAST...

IT'S SUPERGIRL... AND SHE'S BRINGING LORI LEMARIS, THE MERMAID FROM ATLANTIS, WITH HER!

WHEN I READ SUPER-GIRL'S MIND TELEPATHICALLY AND LEARNED OF LIGHTNING LAD'S DEATH, I URGED HER TO BRING ME HERE, TOO!



PRESENTLY, INS DE A CRYPT, PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR THE GALLANT SLAIN LEGIONNAIRE...

HOW APPROPRIATE! ELECTRIC BOLTS WILL CRASH ABOVE LIGHTNING LAD FOR ALL ETERNITY, POWERED BY A PERPETUAL-MOTION DEVICE!

SOB!... WE'LL NEVER, NEVER FORGET HIM!



NOT ONLY DOES ALL EARTH MOURN LIGHTNING LAD, BUT MANY CIVILIZATIONS THROUGHOUT A DOZEN GALAXIES AND FAR-FLUNG ISLAND-UNIVERSES LOWER FLAGS TO HALF-MAST IN A FINAL TRIBUTE TO LIGHTNING LAD...



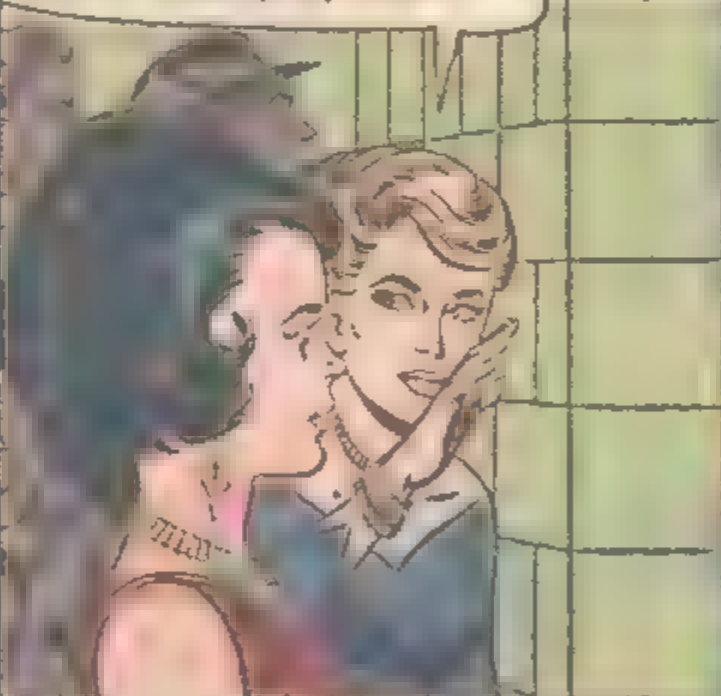
ALIENS OF OTHER PLANETS ALSO BID THE YOUTH WHOSE HEART WAS AS GREAT AS HIS MIGHTY DEEDS A SAD GOODBYE...

FAREWELL, BRAVE LAD! NEVER WILL THERE BE ANOTHER EXACTLY LIKE YOU! IN THE HEARTS OF ALL WHO ADMIRE YOU, ON MANY WORLDS, YOU WILL NEVER DIE! WE WILL ALWAYS FEEL THAT YOUR SPIRIT IS WATCHING US!



ON EARTH, AS THE SUPER-HEROES LEAVE THE CRYPT...

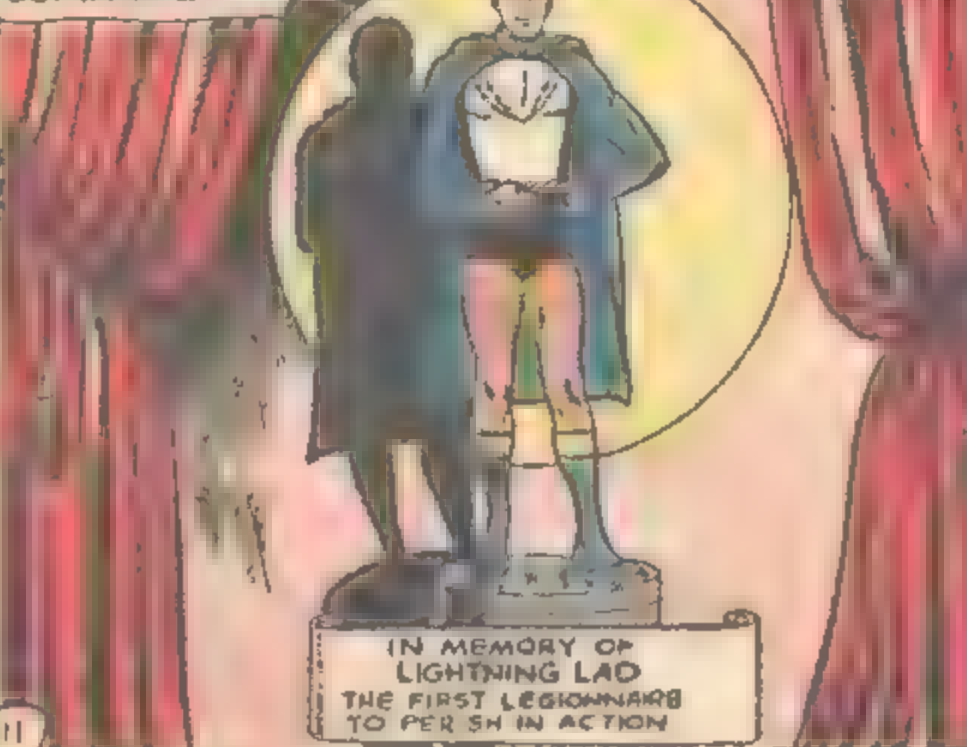
THEY SAY THAT THE EXTRA SUPER-POWERS SATURN GIRL "BORROWED" HAVE ALREADY WORN OFF!... I WONDER WHAT SHE'S THINKING, NOW?



I TRIED TO SAVE YOU, LIGHTNING LAD!- IF ONLY I COULD HAVE DIED IN YOUR PLACE, AS I INTENDED!... BUT IT WASN'T. SOB!... MEANT TO BE... CHOKE!...



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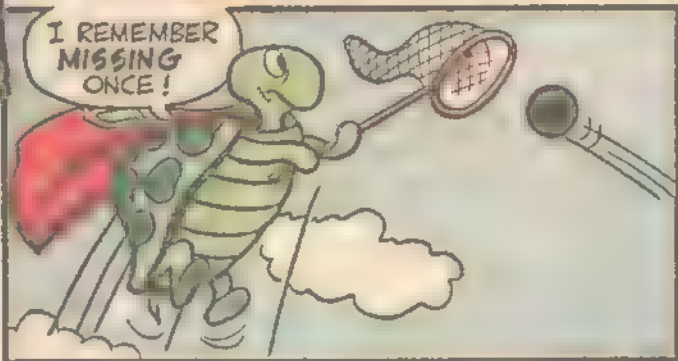
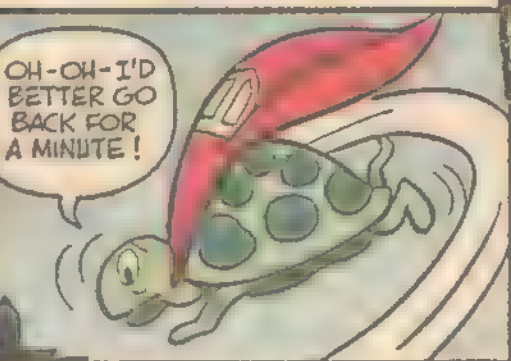
I'LL CHANGE INTO MY SUPERTURTLE OUTFIT AND STOP THAT CANNONBALL BEFORE IT LANDS.



SUPERTURTLE TO THE RESCUE!

OH-OH-I'D BETTER GO BACK FOR A MINUTE!

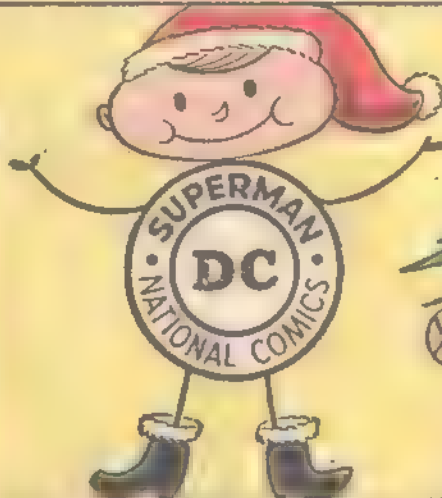
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